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The course of the Altamaha River, and the Savannah as a whole, shown from surveys and brought into the spot by W. C. C. and others in the years 1790 & 1791.

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History of the Shenandoah Valley



A MAP of
the most INHABITED part of
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containing the whole PROVINCE of
MARYLAND
with Part of
PENNSYLVANIA NEW JERSEY and NORTH CAROLINA
as drawn by
John P. & Peter Jefferson
in 1733.

To the Right Honourable George, Duke of Halifax, Esq. Lord Commander
and to the Rest of the Right Honourable and Honourable Commissioners for Trade and Plantations
This Map is most humbly Dedicated to their Lordships
By their Obedient and Affectionate Servants
John P. & Peter Jefferson



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SHENANDOAH VALLEY

RAYMOND JOSEPH FUNKHOUSER — One of the dominant figures of the Shenandoah Valley, Raymond Joseph Funkhouser of Ranson, West Virginia, is an industrialist, publisher and philanthropist, whose remarkable career is a triumph of planning. It has culminated in his ownership of no less than thirteen corporations, many of which are integral factors in the economy of the Valley, although others are identified with various parts of the country. His name has been no less well known in public life—as legislator, as a constructive influence in good government, but primarily as a powerful champion of individual initiative and opponent of the socialistic trends of welfare government.

Probably the most unique fact in the life of the man whose individual efforts have largely revived the town of Ranson is that his career is the realization of the schedule he blueprinted for himself as a boy of thirteen. He was born in Cherry Run, West Virginia, son of Newton and Mary (Loman) Funkhouser, his father being a storekeeper in that small community. During his boyhood, the family moved from Cherry Run, and settled almost directly across the Potomac, on the Maryland side, in the town of Big Pool. It was from there that "R. J.," as he prefers to be called, set out upon his ambitious career, planning each step with meticulous detail and foresight. Satisfied with an elementary schooling, so far as formal education was concerned, he entered the business world at the age of nineteen. Relying on his own abilities and initiative, he realized every one of his plans. His boyhood blueprint had called for an office on Fifth Avenue, a home on Park, many business enterprises scattered throughout the land, and retirement to the more abundant life of a country squire in his native West Virginia at the age of fifty. In its actual realization his goal was exceeded. At the time of his retirement—exactly on schedule—he had offices and businesses in many parts of the nation, a penthouse and other apartments both in Baltimore and New York, and was the owner of the O'Sullivan Building, Baltimore's most impressive skyscraper, named for the O'Sullivan Rubber Corporation, of which Mr. Funkhouser is chairman of the

board. He continues as owner and operator of thirteen corporations, and is in control of seventeen. Among the more important of these, particularly in connection with the commercial life of the Shenandoah Valley, are the following: The Funkhouser Company, of Hagerstown, Maryland, manufacturers of roofing granules; The O'Sullivan Rubber Corporation, of Winchester, Virginia, mentioned above (of this concern, which manufactures the famous O'Sullivan Rubber Heels, a separate individual record is to be found in this history); The Victor Products Corporation, of Hagerstown, Maryland, manufacturers of commercial refrigeration products, including home freezers.

Mr. Funkhouser is also identified, in official capacity, with the Blakeley Bank and Trust Company, of Ranson. His enterprises have done much to rebuild and revive the town of Ranson.

But of all Mr. Funkhouser's interests, his favorite is his weekly newspaper, "The Jefferson Republican." This began its history as a four-page political monthly, distributed free to all interested parties, through the tireless efforts of his secretary of many years, Miss Kitty Linthicum. Today it has subscribers in each of the forty-eight states and in several foreign countries. Editor-in-chief Funkhouser takes an active and personal part in its production, saying that it is more than a newspaper, that it is "a crusade against the creeping socialism of our times." In line with this crusading policy, he has gathered around him men who feel as he does, and these comprise the paper's editorial staff. Frequent conferences with "R. J." clarify the issues on which the newspaper will take a stand. Matters are thoroughly threshed out in conference, but never does its editor-in-chief attempt to dictate policy to his aides. He respects them when their views differ from his. This is not meant to imply that any statements favoring the "Fair Deal" are likely to find their way into the editorial columns of "The Jefferson Republican."

To state that Mr. Funkhouser retired, "on schedule," with no conditioning clauses, is apt to prove misleading. He withdrew, it is true, from the bulk of his ramified business enterprises. But

what to him has constituted retirement is a condition of activity and influence which few men achieve. An initial disrupting factor in his plan was the outbreak, in Europe, of World War II; and after the attack on Pearl Harbor, Mr. Funkhouser went about converting his business enterprises into war industries and stepped back into the thick of things, often working until midnight so that vital shipments might go out to the armed forces on time. He has held to the schedule then established, and has never got around to further steps in the direction of retirement. While the war was on, and the Funkhouser Industries on wartime schedule, he undertook an ambitious and effective program of building. Homes were restored, stores built. A shopping center, called The Charles Washington Shops, was erected, and adjacent to it a modern motion picture theater which compares favorably with leading playhouses in metropolitan areas. This is a small part of what Mr. Funkhouser's return has meant to the area. When he resumed residence there in 1939, many of its business buildings were closed. Today, every one is open. He brought an annual payroll of nearly a million dollars to the five thousand people of the Charles Town-Ranson area. His influence is to be seen, too, in its land values. Scientific farming and stock production in the region of the Washington properties have doubled, tripled or quadrupled the worth of these farms.

His influence is notable, too, in the preservation of some of Jefferson County's historic landmarks. Many of the homes of the Washington family, two belonging to full brothers of President George Washington, were run down and almost in ruins. These he acquired, and devoted himself to their restoration. The most magnificent of all, "Claymont Court"—called by many the noblest house in all the Shenandoah—he has made his residence. It is a thirty-four room mansion, built by the first President's grandnephew, Bushrod Corbin Washington, in 1820. The remaining four restorations are "Happy Retreat" in Charles Town, built in 1780 by the Revolutionary General's youngest brother, Charles; "Blakeley," where Mr. Funkhouser's son Justin resides and raises thoroughbred race horses, the house having been built in 1820 by John Augustine Washington, II; "Cedar Lawn," erected in 1825 by another Washington grandnephew, John Thornton Augustine Washington; and "Locust Hill," presented to Lucy Washington Packette in 1840, now the home of Mr. Funkhouser's daughter, Dolores (Mrs. Roy Steeley), and her family. He has opened his own spacious manor and "Happy Re-

treat" to the general public, free of charge, and even furnishes a guide service, as a gesture of recognition to Jefferson County's place in history.

This nonprofit program is financed by a unique plan—the R. J. Funkhouser Foundation. Its purpose is to finance the Washington Homes venture and other public and quasi-public projects of a charitable nature during the lifetime of their benefactor and after his death. A shopping center was established in Ranson, comprising a grocery store, drug store, beauty parlor, real estate and insurance office, bank, and ready-to-wear shop. These, with the exception of the bank, are part of Funkhouser Industries, Inc., which likewise controls "The Jefferson Republican." Their profits go into a common cash register to be turned over to the Foundation. During the past summer, the Foundation purchased the old Ranson residence and presented it to the Ranson Helpers Club.

Mr. Funkhouser's political philosophy is based on the belief that the "New Deal" and "Fair Deal" have been exactly opposite to the American tradition. He has felt that the governmental trend is toward a socialistic state, and that it was his duty to get into the political fight and do all he could to oppose this trend. He had been a Democrat most of his life, having once been elected to the Maryland legislature on that party's ticket; but at the advent of the "New Deal" he stood as a Republican in opposition to it. He announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for United States Senator from West Virginia. The state's Republican organization, however, opposed him, and after a heated campaign, he lost the election by a slim margin of one hundred and twenty-four votes—a remarkable achievement in view of the political predispositions of the area. Again by a slender margin, he lost the governorship of his state; but although he has terminated his career as participant in political campaigns, he is as effective as ever in combating the views of the present federal administration through the columns of "The Jefferson Republican."

His charities have been of such proportions as never to have been accurately measured. It is known that he has not taken a penny in personal profit from his many ventures during the past decade. He reveres America's past, and has confidence in her future only if she will profit by that past. As a loyal resident of West Virginia and Jefferson County, it is his wish to see both properly evaluated in the American scene, and to this end he is devoting his time and fortune. Earlier in his career, he played a significant part in the

public life of other regions of the country. He formerly served in the State Legislature of Maryland, and was at one time mayor of the city of Harrison, in New York State.

Mr. Funkhouser is fraternally affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, in which he has attained the Thirty-second degree; and is also a member of the Woodmen of the World. He is a member of the Opequon Golf Club of Martinsburg, West Virginia, and of the Fountain Head Country Club, Hagerstown, Maryland. A deeply religious man and a keen student of the Bible, he is affiliated with the United Brethren Church. On May 27, 1951, Alderson-Broaddus College, of Philippi, West Virginia, awarded Mr. Funkhouser the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws for "creativity in the field of restoration of colonial life in the eastern area of our state and for actual leadership in making West Virginia a better state."

Raymond Joseph Funkhouser has been married three times, each marriage having terminated in divorce. He married, first, Merele Tice; second, Ruth Goodwin; and third, Flora Morningstar. He is the father of five children: 1. Avis (Funkhouser) Fithian. 2. Justin. 3. Dolores (Funkhouser) Steeley. 4. Geraldine (Funkhouser) Cain. 5. Jacqualin (Funkhouser) Wysong.

CASKIE NORVELL, II, of Summit Point, West Virginia, and of Gore, Virginia, has had varied experience, in radio work, public relations, business, and as free lance writer. He is a native of New Orleans, Louisiana, where he was born October 13, 1912, son of Caskie Estes and Nanón Yolande (Petrović) Norvell. His father, a native of Charlotte Court House, Virginia, was a commercial fertilizer manufacturer, associated with the American Agricultural Chemical Company of Greensboro, North Carolina. He was a member of the National Recovery Administration Advisory Committee for the Fertilizer Code, and a member of the Kiwanis Club and the Greensboro Country Club. He was Second Reader in the First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Greensboro. His wife was a native of Dalmatia, her place of birth being within the present-day boundaries of Yugoslavia.

After graduating from the Virginia Episcopal School in Lynchburg, in 1931, Mr. Norvell entered Davidson College. He received professional training at the University of Virginia School of Law, where he was a member of the class of 1937. From that year until 1940, Mr. Norvell was a radio

announcer and commentator. He served as president of Tidewater Estates Company, of Heathsville, Virginia, from 1940 to 1942.

During the ensuing four years, Mr. Norvell served as an officer in the United States Navy, aboard the U.S.S. "Sciota," on the staff of Commandant Fifth Naval District, on the staff of Commander Service Force, Pacific Fleet, and as communications officer, Naval Ammunition Depot, Mare Island, California. Still an officer in the United States Naval Reserve, Mr. Norvell is now personal representative of the Commandant of the Fifth Naval District, for Winchester, Virginia.

On returning to civilian life, in 1946, Mr. Norvell became a representative of the Breyer Ice Cream Company of Philadelphia, in the Winchester office of the company. Since 1948, he has been director of public relations for Funkhouser Industries, Inc., of Ranson, West Virginia. He is also associate editor and columnist of the "Jefferson Republican," of that city, and is a member of the board of directors of Shenandoah Valley, Inc.

A free lance writer, Mr. Norvell has published stories and articles in "Esquire," "Coronet," "True," "The Southerner," "Hollands," "West Virginia State Magazine" and other periodicals. He is a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity; past president of the Northumberland County Rotary Club; and a member of the American Legion. He is a member, and has twice been fleet captain, of the Rappahannock River Yacht Club of Irvington, Virginia. A Christian Scientist in religious faith, he is First Reader of his church in Winchester.

In Sonoma, California, March 24, 1946, Caskie Norvell, II, married Elizabeth Jeanne Williams, of Glen Ellen, California, daughter of Roy Frederick and Mary Elizabeth (Smith) Williams. Mr. and Mrs. Norvell have become the parents of a daughter, Laura Nanón, born November 15, 1949. By a previous marriage Mr. Norvell was also the father of a daughter, Anne Dabney, who was born August 26, 1940, and who passed away May 29, 1949.

Mr. Norvell's addresses are "The Spruces," Summit Point, West Virginia, and Timber Ridge Farm, Gore, Virginia.

JOHN W. WAYLAND, Ph.D.—As a Southern educator and author, John W. Wayland has established his reputation in both phases of his career. He has taught in the history departments of several institutions of higher education in Virginia and Tennessee and was an original member

of the faculty of Madison College, at Harrisonburg, Virginia, to which he gave more than twenty years of active service. During the past decade, however, he has devoted all his time to research and writing, a pursuit which has resulted, since 1901, in the publication of some 30-odd volumes from his pen on various aspects of American history and its principal actors.

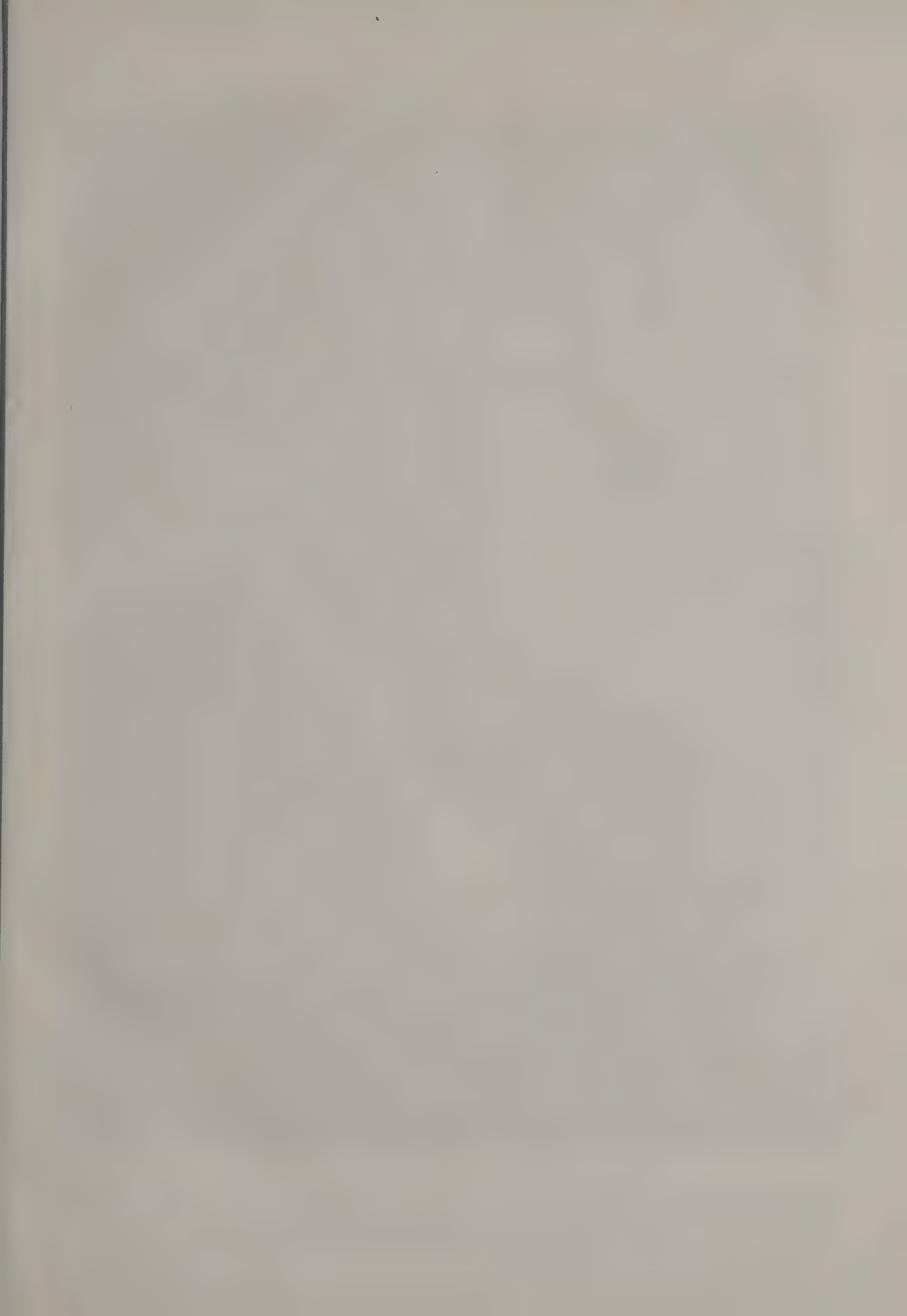
Dr. Wayland was born at Woodlawn, near Mt. Jackson, Shenandoah County, Virginia, on December 8, 1872, son of John Wesley and Anna (Kagey) Wayland. His father was a cabinet-maker and school-teacher, a versatile and painstaking mechanic, who built the small frame house in which Dr. Wayland was born and made practically all the furniture in it. Some of his tools and a bookcase and walnut fall-leaf table which he made are still in the possession of his son. During a part of the war of 1861-65, John Wesley Wayland was in the Confederate service under Stonewall Jackson and other leaders, but he was at heart a Union man, opposed to slavery and secession. Woodlawn, Dr. Wayland's birthplace, took its name from an academy that his grandfather, Jacob Kagey, and seven of his neighbors, all farmers, had chartered by the Legislature of Virginia in 1841. The schoolhouse was built on Jacob Kagey's land, at the edge of a large tract of timber, and although it was removed about the time Dr. Wayland was born, he often as a boy played over the spot where it had stood and where the foundation still remained. An old log house stood near, in which some of the teachers had lived and which, in an earlier day, was the home of his parents and the older children of the family.

Dr. Wayland's first paternal ancestor of record was Thomas Wayland, a German blacksmith, who took up land in what is now Madison County, Virginia, in 1728. His father's mother was Miriam Hoffman, of Madison County, Virginia, a descendant of John Hoffman, who was one of Governor Spotswood's first Germanna colony (1714). John Hoffman was born March 1, 1692, O. S., in Nassau-Siegen, Germany. Jacob Kagey, Dr. Wayland's maternal grandfather, was a descendant of Henry Kagey, who came to Shenandoah (then Frederick) County, Virginia, from Pennsylvania in 1768. John Neff, father of Dr. Wayland's mother's mother, Barbara Neff, was a descendant of Dr. John Henry Neff, who took up land at Rude's Hill, now Shenandoah County, Virginia, in 1750, where some of the Neff's still live. The Kageys and the Neffs were German Swiss. One

of his mother's first cousins, John Henri Kagi, son of "California Abe," was John Brown's "Secretary of War," and was killed at Harper's Ferry in October, 1859. Although none of Dr. Wayland's people in Shenandoah County favored slavery, neither did they favor John Henri Kagi's radical methods and did not know of his being at Harper's Ferry until they heard of his death. Another of his mother's first cousins was John Francis Neff, colonel of the 33d Virginia Infantry, Stonewall Brigade, who was killed at Second Manassas.

Dr. Wayland's two elder brothers and his sister, all born between 1855 and 1858, left home for the Middle West when he was still a small child, and he grew up alone with his parents at Woodlawn. Until he was eleven years old, he was taught at home and then attended a neighborhood school (Rochelle) for several winter terms of five months each. In 1893 he removed with his parents to Bridgewater, Rockingham County, Virginia, where he subsequently entered Bridgewater College. From this institution he was graduated in 1899 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and in 1907, received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Virginia. In 1936, Bridgewater College conferred upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws.

From the beginning he devoted his career to education, teaching first in the public schools of his native Shenandoah County, then successively at Bridgewater College, the University of Virginia, the University of Tennessee and the State Teachers College, now Madison College, at Harrisonburg, Virginia. When Madison College, under its old name, first opened its doors to students in September, 1909, he was a member of the faculty and during the following twenty-two years was in active service at the institution. In this period he became an established scholar in the field of history. In 1931 he obtained a leave of absence from Madison College to spend all his time in research and writing. Writing has long been one of his greatest interests, developing partly through the encouragement of one of his early teachers, Charles S. Stanton, at Rochelle, and partly by inheritance from his mother, who was a great letterwriter. She assisted Franklin Keagy in preparing the Kagi Family History, published in 1899, and kept a diary from girlhood, making an entry in it daily for fifty years. Since January 1, 1901, Dr. Wayland has also kept a diary, which now fills twenty-eight books, most of them of three hundred pages.





H. J. Jenkins

In 1910 or 1911, Dr. Wayland wrote a song, "Old Virginia", which was set to music by William H. Ruebush (q.v.) and first published at Dayton, Virginia, in a little book called "Songs of the People". In the several editions of this book, and separately, two hundred and fifty to three hundred thousand copies of the song were distributed, but little profit was realized by either Dr. Wayland or Professor Ruebush because it was sent out gratis to the schools.

Among the numerous published volumes which are the product of his scholarship and labor, the first to attract much attention was "The German Element of the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia" (1907). In 1914, the Macmillan Company brought out his "How To Teach American History". Since then they have published his "History Stories for Primary Grades" (1919) and "A History of Virginia for Boys and Girls" (1920), which have had a wide sale. The latter volume has been the adopted text for children in Virginia public schools for thirty years. In 1932, the Macmillan Company also published Dr. Wayland's "World History", a text for high schools and academies, which he prepared in collaboration with Carlton J. H. Hayes and Parker T. Moon, of Columbia University. In the summer of 1927, he made a tour of parts of Europe and published his notebook, "Rambles in Europe". Since 1931, when he gave up active teaching, he has assisted the Quakers of Winchester in the preparation of the "Hopewell Friends History", a volume of nearly seven hundred pages constituting a history of the Quakers in northern Virginia. In 1937 he brought out his "Historic Homes of Northern Virginia and the Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia", a large volume of six hundred and twenty-five pages, for which he had gathered material for more than thirty years. "Stonewall Jackson's Way", a book on Jackson's military campaigns, illustrated with numerous maps and pictures, was published in 1940; an account of the five Bowman brothers, officers of the Revolution, appeared in 1943; and, in 1944, "The Washingtons and Their Homes", a profusely illustrated volume of three hundred and eighty-five pages, was published. More recent volumes from his pen are "The Lincolns in Virginia" (1946) and "Historic Harrisonburg" (1949). His encyclopedia of nicknames of persons and places, pen-names, stage-names, etc., consisting of about twenty thousand items, is now (1950) in the hands of a New York publisher.

On June 8, 1898, John W. Wayland married Mattie V. Fry, daughter of James A. Fry of

Bridgewater, Virginia. They are the parents of two sons, both born in Charlottesville during Dr. Wayland's tenure at the University of Virginia: 1. Francis Fry, who took the Bachelor of Arts degree at Bridgewater College, the Master of Arts degree at the University of Virginia, and his doctorate at the University of Pennsylvania, was professor of history at McPherson College, Kansas, and is now head of the department of history and social science at Wagner College, Staten Island, New York. 2. John Walter, Jr., who graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science at the University of Virginia and became a lawyer. He spent nearly two years at a war base in northeast Africa during World War II, and later was engaged for nearly three years with a mining company in Peru. Since January, 1949, he has been in the United States.

WILLIAM JACKSON JENKS—In many different capacities William Jackson Jenks has served the Norfolk and Western Railway Company, of which he is now chairman of the board of directors. He has his headquarters in Roanoke, where he resides. Formerly he was the company's president.

Mr. Jenks was born March 21, 1870, in Wake County, North Carolina, son of William S. and Retta (Baucom) Jenks. His father was engaged in farming operations over a period of many years.

William Jackson Jenks attended both public and private schools, and began his work with the Norfolk and Western system as a telegraph operator in 1886. He later became agent, as well as telegraph operator, then was train dispatcher and chief dispatcher, continuing in those positions until 1901. For seven years, until 1908, he was trainmaster and superintendent of the Seaboard Air Line Railway. In 1908 he became associated with the Norfolk and Western Railway Company again, acting until 1912 as chairman of the car allotment commission. From 1912 to 1918 he was superintendent and general superintendent of the system, becoming general manager of the road at the conclusion of that period and so continuing until 1924. He was then vice-president in charge of operation for twelve years, from 1924 to 1936, after which he was president of the company for a decade. He was made chairman of the board in 1946.

Among his other duties with the Norfolk and Western, Mr. Jenks has held a directorship over

a long period of years. He is a director of the First National Exchange Bank, of Roanoke; the Pennsylvania Company for Banking and Trusts, in Philadelphia; the Virginia Holding Corporation, Roanoke; the Pocahontas Land Corporation, Roanoke; the Pocahontas Coal and Coke Company, Roanoke; the Winston-Salem Southbound Railway, Winston-Salem, North Carolina; the Winston-Salem Terminal Company, Winston-Salem; the Norfolk and Portsmouth Belt Line Railroad, Norfolk; and the Norfolk Terminal Company, Norfolk. In numerous ways Mr. Jenks has been honored by his associates. Some years ago he was one of seven railroad presidents appointed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt to serve temporarily as colonels in the army at the time of a threatened railroad strike. Mr. Jenks is a member of the Rotary Club, the Shenandoah Club and the Roanoke Country Club, in Roanoke, and formerly he was president of Rotary. He also belongs to The Newcomen Society of England in North America. He is a member of the Episcopal Church.

William Jackson Jenks married, in 1891, in Bluefield, West Virginia, Sallie C. Baldwin, born in Tazewell, Virginia, daughter of Denison and Sallie (Barnes) Baldwin. They became the parents of a daughter, Virginia Kyle, who married P. D. Woods; and they have a son, Jackson Jenks Woods.

GENERAL WILLIAM MAHONE, Confederate general, railroad builder and politician, was born near Courtland, in eastern Virginia, on December 1, 1826.

His family could not afford a higher education for him, but he showed such promise that he was appointed a State Cadet to Virginia Military Institute in 1844. He said later he owed much of his success to his years at the Lexington school. Mahone excelled in mathematics and planned to be a civil engineer but following one of the conditions of his cadetship he taught school after graduation.

His first engineering job was that of surveyor, later assistant engineer for the new Orange and Alexandria Railroad, now part of the Southern's main line. Then, without solicitation, he was appointed chief engineer of the Fredericksburg and Valley Plank Road, an ambitious highway project which he directed until 1853, when at the age of 27, he was given a job to test the ingenuity of any engineer—that of chief engineer of the projected Norfolk and Petersburg Railroad, to op-

erate between the two Virginia cities for which it was named.

The route lay over practically bottomless Dismal Swamp and there were bridges to be built over navigable streams in the Tidewater area. Mahone devised a clever drainage scheme, then laid a matrix of cypress trunks for his roadbed to conquer the swamp. He battled, too, a yellow fever crisis which threatened to make Norfolk a ghost town. The sturdy right-of-way, including a 52-mile stretch of absolutely straight track west of the swamp, is still used by the Norfolk and Western Railway, and is one of the finest sections of roadbed anywhere.

The Norfolk and Petersburg was opened in September, 1858, and Mahone, only thirty-three years old, was elected president in 1860.

At the outset of the Civil War Mahone and his railroaders were credited with scaring the Union garrison from Norfolk through the ruse of creating so many train noises with a single engine and flat car that the Northerners believed a large detachment of troops was approaching. A few days later he entered the Confederate Army as a lieutenant colonel.

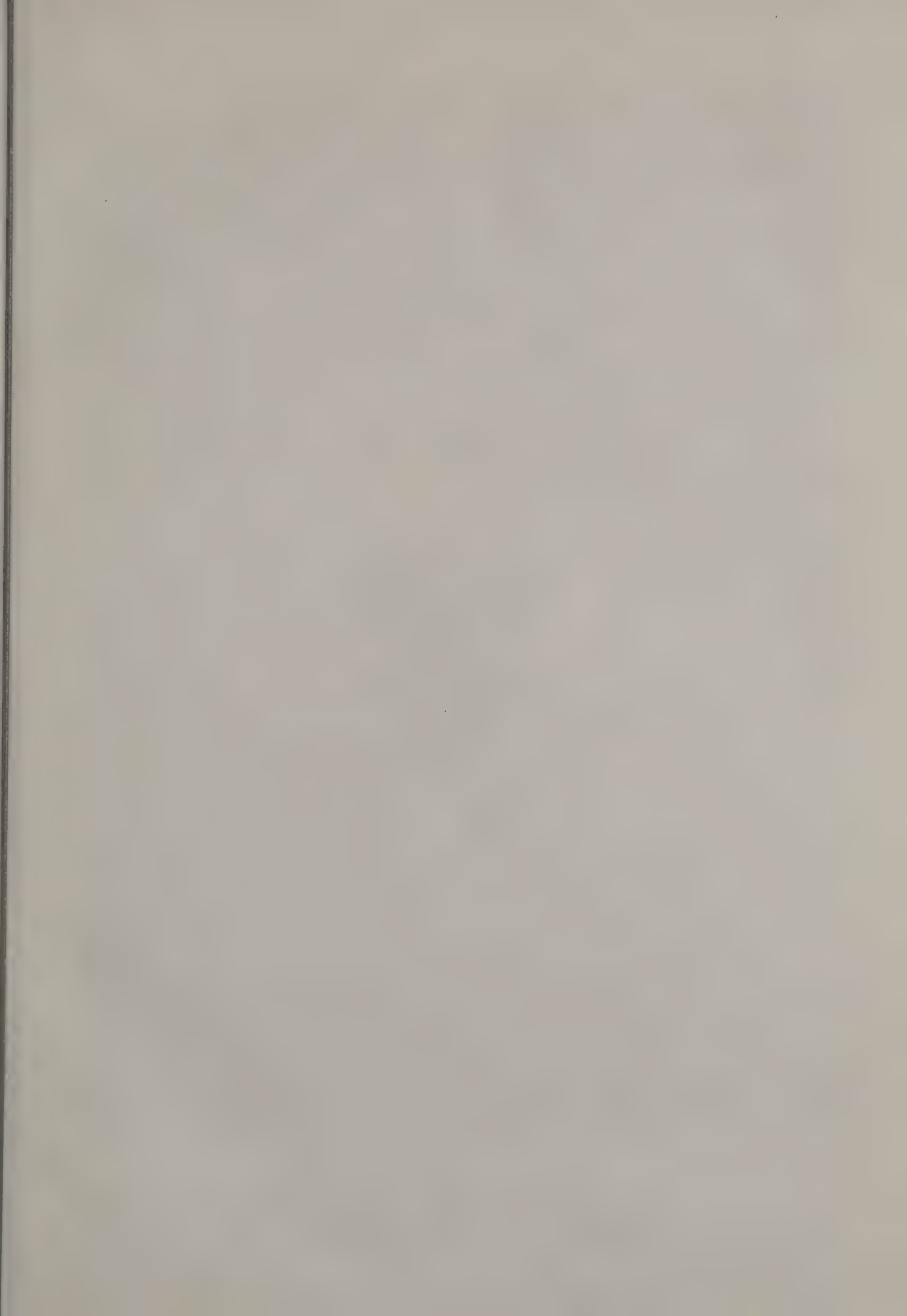
Mahone fought at Second Bull Run, Gettysburg, Chancellorsville and the Wilderness, and was seriously wounded at Manassas. He recovered quickly to perform the outstanding act of his military career at the Battle of the Crater, Petersburg, in 1864. After the Northern besiegers had disrupted defenses by a tremendous explosive charge set off in a tunnel, Mahone led two brigades which completely routed the enemy troops. He was promoted to major general that day by General Lee.

Mahone's railroad and two connecting ones—the Southside, from Petersburg to Lynchburg, and the Virginia and Tennessee, from Lynchburg to Bristol, were in fearful shape after the surrender. With little money and less material he began an almost impossible rebuilding job on the Norfolk and Petersburg and soon found himself also president of what was left of the Southside. He wanted desperately to combine all three railroads. Although he was also elected head of the Virginia and Tennessee in 1867, it took three more years of battling regional opposition before the Atlantic, Mississippi and Ohio—running all the way from Norfolk to Bristol—was formed with Mahone at the helm. This system, immense for its time, was the Norfolk and Western Railroad's immediate predecessor.

General Mahone was a remarkable combination



Wm. Mahoney





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of engineer, executive and politician and he needed all his skill to keep his railroad going during Reconstruction days. Equipment was hard to replace and payrolls were often met with promises or with salt pork and corn meal. Just when it seemed he was fighting a winning battle, the panic of '73 threw the entire country into financial turmoil. The A. M. & O. fought on for three more years but went into receivership in 1876. The road was sold in 1881 at public auction to C. H. Clark and associates of Philadelphia for \$8,605,000 after Mahone and his backers lost out in furious bidding. It was reorganized as the Norfolk and Western Railroad.

Mahone's contribution to the opening of Virginia-beyond-the-mountains to national and international trade was great. When he began railroading the Shenandoah and the Roanoke Valleys and the regions beyond were virtual wilderness; when he left it they were joined to the seaports and the industrial centers by iron rails.

The General was a state-wide figure now and he naturally turned actively to politics. The legions of both his friends and foes were large. He was defeated for the gubernatorial nomination in 1878, to be elected U. S. Senator the next year, serving one term. He died in Washington on October 8, 1895.

(Much of the biographical material in the foregoing is drawn from a paper on the history of the Norfolk and Western Railway, delivered by its president, R. H. Smith, before the Newcomen Society in North America, in October, 1949.)

FREDERICK J. KIMBALL—The skill of Frederick J. Kimball as a railroad builder, his knowledge of mineralogy and his ability to handle men, combined to make him the outstanding figure in the early histories of the Shenandoah Valley Railroad and the Norfolk and Western Railroad, predecessors of the Norfolk and Western Railway. He followed in the steps of General William Mahone (q.v.) in the founding of an empire of rails irrevocably tied to the region's industrial advancement.

Kimball was born in Philadelphia in 1844 and at 18 went to work for the Philadelphia and Erie Branch of the Pennsylvania Railroad as a rodman. He learned railroad engineering from a variety of practical experiences. After four years with the Pennsylvania's engineering department, he spent two years in British railway shops and then held several more railway jobs in this

country. In 1870 he joined the firm of E. W. Clark and Company, which shortly afterward acquired an interest in the Shenandoah Valley Railroad, then being projected from Hagerstown, Maryland, down the Valley to serve farms and to open iron ore deposits.

The road had been started from the northern end in 1870 but building had been halted because of the depression of 1873. It was not until Kimball became active in its construction in 1878 that real progress was made. It was opened to a junction with the main line of the new Chesapeake and Ohio at Waynesboro in 1881, when he became its president and at the time vice-president of the newly organized Norfolk and Western Railroad. He completed his road to a junction with the N. & W. at Roanoke in June, 1882.

Kimball had made an extensive study of Virginia geology and he had more faith in minerals as rail traffic producers than in the products of agriculture. He studied reports of coal deposits in southwest Virginia dating back to that of Dr. Thomas Walker, who had explored portions of the area in 1750. He found an 1870 report of J. P. Lesley, a geology professor, which mentioned specifically an outcropping at Abbs Valley in the remote mountains southwest of New River.

So in May, 1881, Kimball reached Abbs Valley. It is recorded that he dug the first coal from the rich Pocahontas seam with his penknife. As he looked at the 12-foot outcropping he made a remark which might rank with other historic understatement of American tradition: "This may prove to be an important day in our lives."

Kimball wished to name the seam for his wife but she suggested instead the name of the Indian princess, and her suggestion prevailed. Kimball saw immediate need for rails to that seam of coal. First he completed the Shenandoah Valley road to Roanoke. Then his eloquence persuaded the N. & W.'s directors to start a 70-mile line at once from a point on New River near Radford to the field. Construction was not easy—even the preliminary surveys created arguments, as each proposed route seemed more difficult—but the road was completed to the new boom town of Pocahontas in two years. The first two carloads of coal which rolled from the mines in March, 1883, dramatized the two most important uses for the fuel.

The first was used in N. & W. engines which were consuming expensive coal from Pennsylvania and northern West Virginia. The second was consigned with ceremony to the mayor of

Norfolk, the port from which so many millions of tons of black diamonds were to be shipped abroad and to New England.

Kimball became president of the Norfolk and Western in June, 1883, and continued to expand the lines in the coal fields. But he saw the necessity of a westward outlet and immediately began planning a line all the way to the Ohio River. It was not until 1888 that he received authority to build the 200-mile extension to Ironton. The decrepit Scioto Valley Railroad, which ran from Ironton to Columbus was acquired in 1890, but both financial and topographical difficulties so beset the extension that a through line from Norfolk to Columbus was not in operation until November, 1892.

Kimball's vision is proven today. Two-thirds of the Norfolk and Western's coal tonnage flows westward to the lake ports and to midwest industrial centers.

Another depression and the road's tremendous construction expenses brought a short receivership in 1895. Kimball was named co-receiver and became chairman of the board of the newly organized Norfolk and Western Railway in October, 1896. He lived to see the N. & W. again become a prosperous carrier of fine bituminous coal. He was named president again in 1902 and died in office in July, 1903.

Thus passed the second of the great pioneers whose vision, faith and energy are memorialized in a monument of vast industrial importance: the present-day Norfolk and Western.

(Much biographical material contained in the foregoing is drawn from a paper on the history of the Norfolk and Western delivered by its president, R. H. Smith, before the Newcomen Society in North America, in October, 1949.)

MAJOR GENERAL RICHARD JAQUELIN MARSHALL played an exceptional role in the events transpiring in the Southwest Pacific theater of operations during World War II, during which conflict he rose to the position of Chief of Staff of the United States Army Forces in the Pacific. He has retired to civilian life to assume an equally important role as educator, being at the present time superintendent of the Virginia Military Institute, greatest of Southern military colleges.

General Marshall was born in Markham, Virginia on June 16, 1895, and is a son of Marion Lewis and Rebecca (Coke) Marshall. His father

was engaged in the life insurance business. Beginning his education in local schools, he was a student at Norfolk Academy from 1907 to 1911, after which he entered Virginia Military Institute. He graduated there in 1915 with the degree of Bachelor of Science.

Beginning his career in civilian pursuits, Richard J. Marshall was assistant chemist with the Consolidated Gas, Electric Light and Power Company in Baltimore, Maryland, during 1915 and 1916. Entering the Maryland National Guard in the latter year, he was commissioned a first lieutenant; and became a second lieutenant in the regular United States Army in November of the same year. During the World War I period, he served in "B" Battery, Sixth Field Artillery, First Division, in the ranks of lieutenant and captain, seeing service with the American Expeditionary Forces in France. He was wounded in action near Fléville, France, on November 1, 1918, just before the armistice with Germany was signed. Remaining in the United States Army throughout the period between the two world wars, he advanced to the rank of major general, receiving the latter commission as a temporary grade in 1942 and holding it at the time of his retirement from the army in 1946.

During World War II, General Marshall was deputy chief of staff of the United States Army Forces in the Far East and of the Southwest Pacific area from April until July, 1942. He next became commanding general of the United States Army Services of Supply, Southwest Pacific area, and was thereafter successively chief of staff USAFFE, and deputy chief of staff and chief of staff of the United States Army Forces in the Pacific. The Pacific campaign concluded with the triumph over the Japanese, General Marshall retired in 1946 after over thirty years of distinguished service in the United States Army. The final period of his active military life was one of participation in history-making events. He was with General Douglas MacArthur when that military leader left Bataan in March, 1942 and went to Australia. His activities have been mentioned in a number of books coming out of World War II, among them being "I Saw the Fall of the Philippines" by Colonel Romulo, who now represents the Philippines in the United Nations (Doubleday, Doran & Co., 1943), Frazier Hunt's "MacArthur and the War Against Japan" (Scribner's, 1944); and "Our Jungle Road to Tokyo" by General Eichelberger (The Viking Press). In addition, General Marshall has been

in Manila since retiring. He visited there in the summer of 1950 as deputy chief of the Economic Survey Mission dispatched by the President.

General Marshall's decorations include the distinguished Service Cross, the Distinguished Service Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Silver Star and the Legion of Merit. His foreign decorations include the Distinguished Service Star of the Philippines, Officer of the French Legion of Honor, and the Grand Order of Orange Nassau with Crossed Swords of The Netherlands.

Since the time of his retirement he has been superintendent of the Virginia Military Institute, an enviable post from the viewpoint of seasoned military men. He is a member of Kappa Alpha fraternity and a communicant of the Episcopal Church.

In Montgomery, Alabama, December 28, 1935, Major General Richard Jaquelin Marshall married, as his second wife, Isabel Crum, daughter of Judge Benjamin Percival and Emily (Crumpton) Crum. General Marshall had a step-son, Kenneth Roscoe Lummus, who died March 28, 1943; and a step-daughter, Dorothy Lummus, who is the wife of William DuPont Strong. A son, Richard Jaquelin Marshall, Jr., was killed in action on February 3, 1943; and a daughter, Harriette Marshall, who was born November 10, 1923, is now Mrs. John Eric Olson.

COLONEL MORGAN H. HUDGINS—As superintendent of Fishburne Military School in Waynesboro, Colonel Morgan H. Hudgins has emerged as one of Virginia's leading educators. He has been associated with this school since the early years of the century, and his status in his community is indicated by the fact that for eight years he served as mayor of Waynesboro.

Colonel Hudgins is a native of Portsmouth, Virginia. He was born December 4, 1878, son of Henry Clay and Lucrece P. (Langhorne) Hudgins. He graduated from high school in his native city in 1898, and from the Virginia Military Institute in the class of 1901, and his sole connection as educator, since that time, has been with Fishburne Military School. While at Virginia Military Institute, Colonel Hudgins was a classmate of General George C. Marshall, later Chief of Staff of the United States Army and Secretary of State.

When in 1901 Colonel Hudgins came to Fishburne Military School, it was to accept an appointment as commandant of cadets. He held this position until 1912, but in 1905 assumed also the

responsibilities of associate principal, discharging the duties of that office until 1913. In the latter year he became superintendent and a director, and has held those posts since that time. During World War I, Colonel Hudgins served as chairman of war activities for Waynesboro, and was also staff specialist holding the rank of major in the Reserve Officers Corps, United States Army. At the time of World War II, he held the rank of Colonel, and was a member of the Selective Service Board of his community.

Colonel Hudgins was mayor of Waynesboro for eight years, and he was the first president of the Rotary Club in that city. He is a member of Kappa Alpha fraternity, is a Democrat in his politics, and is a communicant of St. John's Episcopal Church, which congregation he serves as senior warden and vestryman.

Fishburne Military School has long been an important factor in the life of Waynesboro. It was founded in 1879 by Professor James A. Fishburne, who in that year opened a one-room private school for town students in the old Taylor Building, near the present location of the Man's Shop. It was called at that time "The Waynesboro High School," and, strangely enough for an institution destined to become a leading military school, was at first coeducational, numbering both boys and girls among its thirteen students. The following year the town public school abandoned the Waynesboro Academy Building, and Professor Fishburne took advantage of the opportunity offered to expand his own facilities. At the time of the school's removal into this building, it became strictly a boys' school, and there too he employed his first instructor to assist in the teaching. Professor Fishburne also constructed a home nearby, and students and instructors roomed there, being served meals in the basement of the building. A photograph of the school taken in 1888 shows a long, white-painted frame barracks building, adjoined by two other structures; but the reputation of the school, which was to lead to the construction of today's impressive facilities, had already begun to grow. Throughout Virginia, North Carolina and other Southern states, word of its excellent educational program became current. In the 'eighties, the term "Military" was added to the school's name. Even in these early years, the school won favorable attention through competition with other schools, and was accorded prizes.

The year 1917 marked the completion of the first portion of the present extensive brick struc-

tures which house the school's facilities. The mess hall, kitchen, swimming pool and auditorium in use today, and the entire west wing, were added in 1921. A separate gymnasium was later erected.

The founder of the school, Professor James A. Fishburne, died in 1921. He was succeeded in the presidency by W. H. Gardner, who held the office until his death in 1941. Mr. Pliny Fishburne, nephew of Professor Fishburne, succeeded Mr. Gardner in the presidency, and has held that position to the present time. While Colonel Hudgins holds the position corresponding to that which he assumed in 1913, the then title of principal has subsequently been changed to that of superintendent. He has retained the directorship throughout the intervening period of more than thirty-five years. Other members of the board are Mr. Pliny Fishburne, Major Elliott Fishburne, Colonel Max Patterson, C. G. Quesenbery, and V. R. Chew. As superintendent, Colonel Hudgins is aided in the administrative work of Fishburne Military School by the following officers: Major Elliott G. Fishburne, treasurer; Major Alexander Galt, Jr., United States Marine Corps, commandant; Major Charles M. Pace, Jr., headmaster. Colonel J. L. Lancaster, United States Army, is professor of military science and tactics; and the faculty and administrative staffs have a total of about thirty members.

The excellence of Fishburne's training as a military school is indicated by the enviable records it has won in competitions. In 1939 and in 1940, its rifle team, under the coaching of Captain W. B. Shooter, twice captured the Hearst National Championship Trophy, and from its early days it has won prizes for the excellence of its military drill performance. It is today acknowledged to be one of the best-equipped military schools in the South, and has been designated by the War Department as an Honor School for nearly twenty consecutive years. Fishburne Military School enrolls two hundred cadets, and many of its alumni have assumed roles of prominence in the affairs of the state, and of value to their communities. Colonel Hudgins' thorough experience, and his appreciation of the place of the military school in the nation's educational system have played no small part in its growth and prestige.

On June 3, 1913, Colonel Morgan H. Hudgins married Elizabeth Milnes Austin, descended from one of the old and distinguished families of the Shenandoah Valley, and a native of Waynesboro.

HOLLIE BROCKENBOROUGH McCORMAC, SR.—The late H. B. McCormac, Sr., was a leading executive of the Shenandoah Valley by reason of his activity in the varied fields of industry, banking, agriculture and political affairs. He was president of The Virginia Woolen Company and its affiliate, the Berkeley Woolen Company.

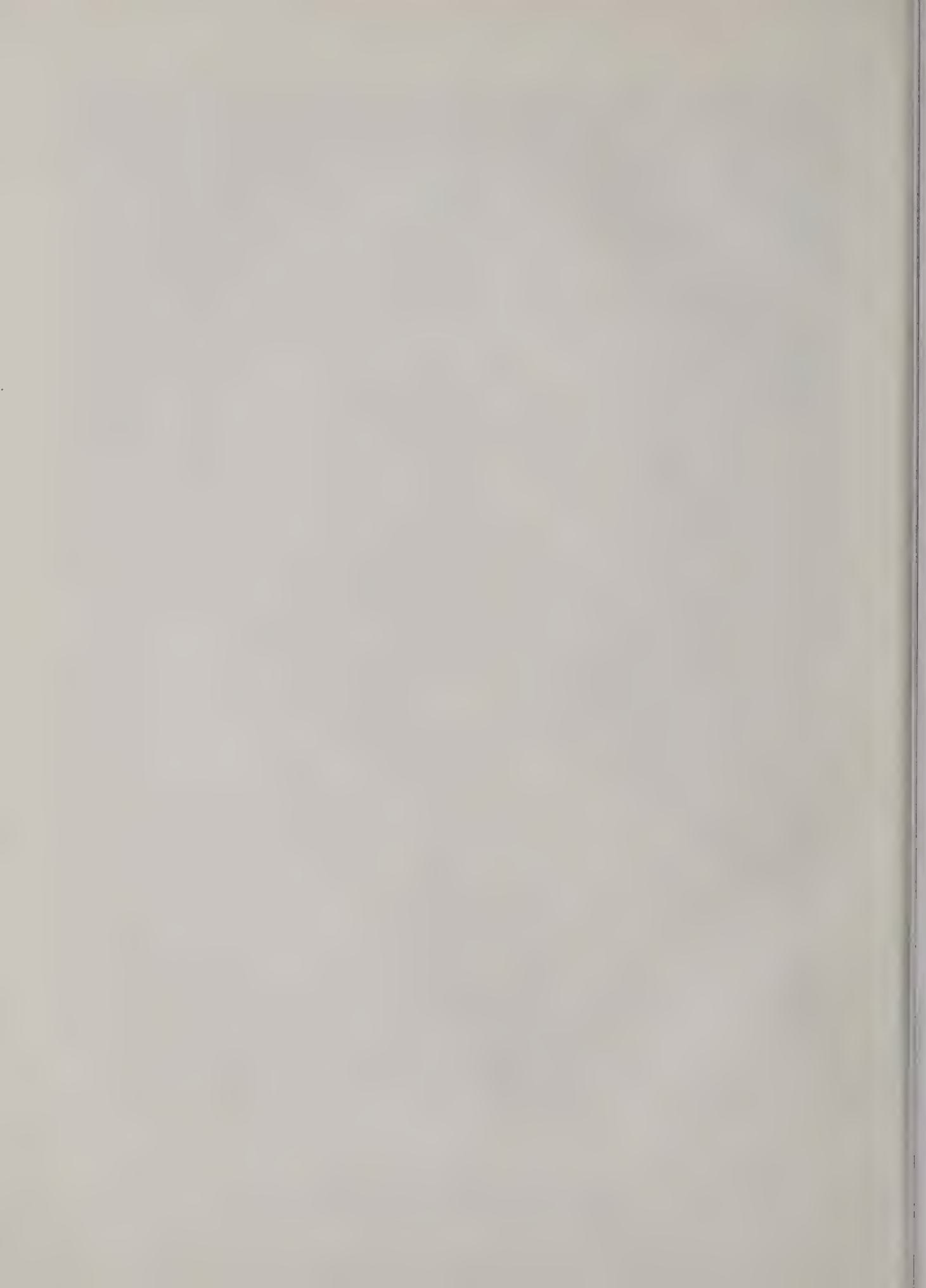
Born in 1875 on a farm in Frederick County, H. B. McCormac completed his secondary education at the John Kerr High School in Winchester, then entered Virginia Polytechnic Institute at Blacksburg. However, after two years of study there, he left to assume responsibility for management of the farm, on his father's death. Until the end of his life he maintained his interest in agriculture, and cultivated this same family acreage as an avocation for a number of years.

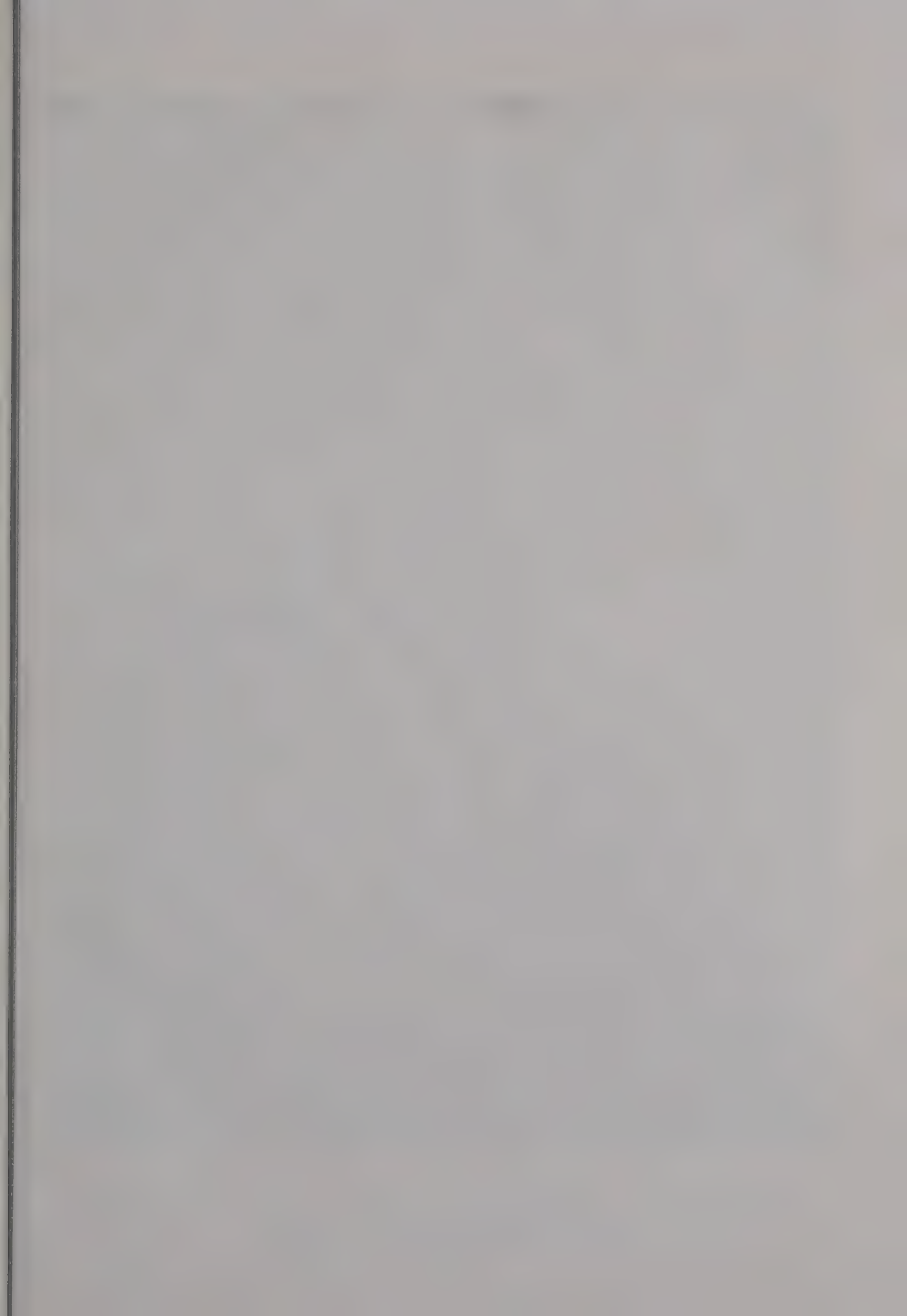
However, he early found employment with The Virginia Woolen Company, in which he advanced from subordinate positions to that of general manager of the plant, which had grown during his years of increasing responsibility. Many years before his death, he obtained a controlling interest in the business and was elected its president, combining the duties of the chief executive office with those of managership. He thus ascended to the management of the largest industry of its kind in the northern part of Virginia, and he also became president of its affiliate, the Berkeley Woolen Company of Martinsburg, West Virginia, and of the Winchester Milling Corporation and Colonial Brick Corporation. As a leading industrialist of the Valley, H. B. McCormac, Sr., was a member of the National Manufacturers Association, and for a number of years was one of the Virginia members on its board of directors. He was also a member of the Virginia Manufacturers Association, was for several terms its president, and did much in the planning of its legislative policy.

In the later years of his life, H. B. McCormac was president of the Union Bank of Winchester, succeeding James B. Russell in that office. In addition to the organizations mentioned above, he was president of the Mount Clifton Orchard Corporation, and was vice-president of the Winchester Credit Corporation. He was one of the organizers of the Winchester Chamber of Commerce in 1916, and later served as its president. As a vital influence in the affairs of the Republican party in Virginia, he was often considered as candidate for the United States Senate, but declined the honor. He was one of the city's earliest Rotarians.



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In the sphere of civic service, H. B. McCormac was for some years chairman of the executive committee of Winchester Memorial Hospital, and he was generous in his support of this institution. He was a member of the Rouss Fire Company, volunteer fire-fighting organization, and during World War I he served as chairman of the Liberty Loan and War Chest Committees. He was also at one time chairman of the executive committee of the Shenandoah Apple Blossom Festival.

Fraternally, he was identified with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Hiram Lodge No. 21, and was past master and lodge trustee of that body. He was also a member of John Dove Chapter No. 21, Royal Arch Masons, and of Winchester Commandery No. 12, Knights Templar. As a thirty-second degree Mason, he was a member of Acca Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Mr. McCormac attended the Loudoun Street Presbyterian Church.

H. B. McCormac, Sr., was married to the former Gertrude Adams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Dean Adams of Frederick County. Hollie B. McCormac, Jr., of whom a biographical sketch accompanies, was their only son.

Mr. McCormac died at "Macsfield," his home on Handley Boulevard, Winchester, on December 11, 1937. His death marked a severe loss among the circle of Shenandoah Valley industrialists, and his constructive civic influence has likewise been greatly missed.

HOLLIE BROCKENBOROUGH McCORMAC, JR., heads two enterprises which figure prominently in the textile industry in the Shenandoah Valley. He is president of both The Virginia Woolen Company, of Winchester, Virginia, and the Varel Mills, Inc., of Middleway, West Virginia. Mr. McCormac's offices are at the former plant. He is active in the commercial and civic affairs of this region of the Valley.

Born December 19, 1916, in Winchester, Mr. McCormac is a son of Hollie Brockenborough and Gertrude (Adams) McCormac, his father having been also president of The Virginia Woolen Company. The younger McCormac's connection with the firm dates from his completion of his collegiate studies at Lehigh University at Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. He had previously attended Lawrenceville School, Lawrenceville, New Jersey.

In addition to being president of The Virginia Woolen Company and Varel Mills, Inc., Mr. McCormac is a director of the Shenandoah Valley

National Bank in Winchester. He is a member of the Rotary Club, and is fraternally affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Royal Arcanum, and Delta Phi fraternity. In his religious faith he is a Presbyterian.

In Lewisburg, West Virginia, December 6, 1941, Hollie Brockenborough McCormac, Jr., married Evelyn Montgomery, daughter of Guy Bright and Frances (Bouldin) Montgomery. They are the parents of a daughter, Gertrude Montgomery, who was born May 11, 1949.

WHITWELL WENTWORTH COXE—General Solicitor of the Norfolk and Western Railway, Whitwell W. Coxe, was born in the City of Roanoke, April 24, 1884, the year of the city's incorporation, and has there resided ever since. He is the son of the late Joseph W. Coxe, former Comptroller of the Railway, and Mary Keahlofer Syester, a daughter of Judge Andrew K. Syester, of Hagerstown, Maryland, a former Attorney General of that State.

After attending the public schools of Roanoke, Mr. Coxe entered the University of Virginia, from which he received the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws degrees, the latter in 1907. While at the University he was president of the Academic Class of 1905, a charter member of the "Raven Society", Editor in Chief of the University of Virginia Magazine, Assistant Editor in Chief of "College Topics" (the college newspaper), and a member of Zeta Psi, Lambda Pi (local academic) and Phi Delta Phi (legal) fraternities. During the summers of 1905 and 1906, while still a student at the University, he was, respectively, reporter for and editor of the "Roanoke Evening News" and the "Roanoke Times". In 1920 he became a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

Upon his graduation from the University in 1907, Mr. Coxe began the general practice of law in Roanoke as an associate in the law firm of Robertson, Hall and Woods (Judge Edward W. Robertson, H. T. Hall and Col. James P. Woods). In 1911 he formed a partnership with C. Francis Cocke, under the firm name of "Coxe and Cocke". Upon the dissolution of this firm in 1914, Mr. Coxe began a partnership with Col. Woods, later including Joseph H. Chitwood, Frank W. Rogers and State Senator Leonard G. Muse, all of the Roanoke Bar, which continued under the style of Woods, Chitwood, Coxe, Rogers & Muse, until 1930, when Mr. Coxe joined the law department of the Norfolk and Western, becoming General Solicitor in 1936.

From the time of Mr. Coxe's admission to the Bar his major interests have been the practice of law and the Bars of the State and his native city. He is a former president of the Bar Association of the City, and (1928-29) of the Virginia State Bar Association. He is a former member of the Judicial Council of Virginia and of the Virginia State Board of Law Examiners. During World War I he was chairman of Legal Advisory Board No. 1, Roanoke City. He was president of the Chamber of Commerce of Roanoke in 1944 and is a member of the Shenandoah Club (Roanoke) and the Roanoke Country Club.

Although Mr. Coxe has been actively interested in politics and has managed political campaigns, the only political office for which he ever ran, and to which he was elected, was that of Board of Aldermen of Roanoke City (1916-1917); and in 1933 he was a member of the Virginia Constitutional Convention for the Repeal of the 18th (prohibition) Amendment to the Federal Constitution.

Mr. Coxe is an Episcopalian and a conservative Democrat.

Mr. Coxe has been twice married, first on November 17, 1910, to Emily Noyes Beebe, of Norwich, Connecticut, who died in 1920, and second on September 19, 1925, to Kathleen Hull Kelly, of Bristol, Virginia, a daughter of the late Judge Joseph L. Kelly (former president of the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia) and Mary (Hull) Kelly. Mr. Coxe is the father of six children: 1. Whitwell Wentworth, Jr., born November 8, 1911. 2. Esther Harwood (Coxe) Wirsing, born June 14, 1913. 3. Harwood Beebe, born July 17, 1914. 4. Joseph Wentworth, born November 15, 1915. 5. Andrew Syester, born August 27, 1918. 6. Kathleen Kelly, born December 16, 1926.

HERBERT HENRY JENNINGS—In the course of an eventful career, Herbert Henry Jennings of Kearneysville, West Virginia, has made his way from unimportant early occupations to the post of executive assistant to the great industrialist, Raymond J. Funkhouser. As a youth whose principal heritage was a "sane mind in a sound body," he began making his own livelihood and overcame many obstacles in his climb to important achievements. In the words of an editor: "Blessed with an even disposition and a fine personality, Mr. Jennings has surmounted what seemed to be impossible barriers; his courage and faith in the future opened the way to the success which he richly deserves, and in which his many friends all over the country rejoice."

Born at Middleway, West Virginia, on August 7, 1887, Herbert Henry Jennings is the son of J. Henry and Anna Virginia (Roberts) Jennings, both of whom are deceased. His father, born in Edinburg, Virginia, in 1840, was a saw and grain mill operator, who died in 1913. The mother, a native of Middleway, Virginia, born in 1850, passed away in 1921. When hardly more than a boy, their son, after receiving his education in the public schools of his birthplace, took his first job with the R. F. and P. Railroad in Richmond, Virginia. He later was employed with the American Express Company, in Washington, D. C., and while in this city attended the night classes of Strayer Business College. In 1913, upon the death of his father, who owned a flour, grist and saw mill in Middleway, Herbert H. Jennings moved back to that village and took over the business of operating the mill.

In 1914, he started a chair factory in Middleway, manufacturing porch chairs, and continued in this business, together with managing the mill, for two years, after which time he consolidated his chair business with the Hollingsworth Wheel Company of Hagerstown, and moved the factory to that city. The enterprise failed, and its founder, now married and a father, had to begin life all over again without means or a job. Looking around for an opportunity, he found what he thought was it, in a project to furnish Camp Meade, Maryland, with two thousand cords of firewood. The contract required financing, and to this end he sought the help of the Funkhouser brothers. Referred to Raymond J. Funkhouser, the latter-named agreed to consider it, and in the meanwhile gave Mr. Jennings temporary employment and funds to carry him over the current crisis. Then he was sent to work loading railroad ties over several parts of Maryland and West Virginia, and was advanced to lumber operations. The cordwood project was forgotten, and since 1917 Mr. Jennings has been associated, with interruptions, with the Funkhouser interests, always with freedom to engage in independent operations.

In 1920, Mr. Funkhouser developed an interest in granulated stone of natural colors of red, green and black, for surfacing asphalt roads, which necessitated finding deposits of these various colored stones, resulting in plants being built at Granville, New York; Poultney, Vermont; Tellico Plains, Tennessee; Fairmount, Georgia; Delta and Charmian, Pennsylvania. It was Mr. Jennings' job to build and operate these plants, and

this branch of the Funkhouser industries being one of the oldest, continues to be one of the most important. Mr. Jennings recounts his further experience: "In 1927 I resigned my job and moved to Winchester, where I built a chair factory, known as the Acorn Manufacturing Company. I operated this plant for two years, at which time the Victor Products Corporation was formed, and the Acorn Manufacturing Company was included in the new corporation." Shortly afterwards the Victor Products Corporation bought out the O'Sullivan Rubber Company of New York, and moved the production of rubber heels from Akron, Ohio, to their plant in Winchester, and Mr. Jennings, once more associated with R. J. Funkhouser, was made manager of the O'Sullivan Rubber Heel Company, in 1930. He is now assistant to Raymond J. Funkhouser, prominent industrialist and agriculturist, and is manager of the Victor Products Corporation plant in Ranson. Other plants of this corporation are located in Hagerstown and Berkeley Springs.

In 1941 Mr. Jennings purchased the family homestead in Middleway, rehabilitated the home, and with his family moved back to the house in which he was born. Within a year he also built a small plant and, with his son Henry, made airplane parts during World War II, for the Fairchild Aircraft Corporation, at Hagerstown, Maryland. This was later consolidated with the Victor Products Corporation, and removed to Ranson, thereby launching the first operations of the corporation in Ranson. Mr. Jennings is fraternally affiliated with the Triluminar Lodge No. 117, of Middleway, Free and Accepted Masons, and the Chapter, Royal Arch Masons. He favors the Republican party in political views, and is a member of the Christian Church.

At Hyattstown, Maryland, on October 31, 1914, Herbert Henry Jennings married Louise Linthicum, daughter of Cassidy and Rachel L. Linthicum. Mr. and Mrs. Jennings are the parents of four children: 1. Henry Herbert, born September 3, 1916, a graduate of Winchester High School; he married Yvonne Paxon of Purcellville, Virginia, and they have two children: Mary Michel and Johnny. 2. Rachel Virginia, a graduate of Winchester High School and the Maryland Institute Art School; she married James Hafer. 3. Paul Nelson, a graduate of Charles Town High School. 4. Mary Stuart, a graduate of Charles Town High School, and Bridgewater College; she married Benjamin Hoover.

JUDGE ROSE MacDONALD SKOGGS, of Berryville, has had a varied and useful career, and her activities have included, in addition to service on the bench of the juvenile and domestic relations court of Clarke County, the authorship of a number of books, a position as librarian, and welfare work. In all of its aspects her career has been well directed to the advancement of her city and her region of the Shenandoah Valley.

Born Rose Mortimer Ellzey MacDonald, she is a native of Lexington, Virginia and a daughter of Marshall and Mary Eliza (McCormick) MacDonald. Her father was born October 18, 1835 and died September 1, 1895, while her mother, born October 18, 1840, survived her husband by many years and died February 8, 1934. Mrs. Skoggs attended Norwood Institute in Washington, D. C., and later entered Shepherd College in Shepherdstown, West Virginia. She completed her formal education with courses at the University of Virginia and William and Mary College.

Mrs. Skoggs began her career as librarian with the United States Bureau of Fisheries. She was later an educator, and was the first woman to serve as a member of the State Board of Education in Virginia. She has been supervisor of rural schools in Clarke County, and has served as judge of the juvenile and domestic relations court of the same county, thus giving evidence to her fellow townsmen of the scope of her abilities and the conscientious nature of her public service. Mrs. Skoggs was also founder of the Visiting District Nurse Association of Alexandria. She was chairman of the American Red Cross canteen in that city during World War I, and was chairman of the canteen in Clarke County, also managed by the American Red Cross, during World War II.

Mrs. Skoggs has been the author of a number of books, titles of which follow: "Then and Now in Dixie," "Mrs. Robert E. Lee," "Nellie Custis, Daughter of Mount Vernon," "Clarke County, Daughter of Frederick," and "History of Virginia for Boys and Girls" (co-author with John W. Wayland). She is also the compiler of an "Analytical Subject Bibliography" of the publications of the United States Bureau of Fisheries. As indicated by the titles above, Mrs. Skoggs is vitally interested in the historic background of her region of the country, and a profound student of it. She is a member of the Writers' Club of Virginia.

Mrs. Skoggs also belongs to the Society of Colonial Dames, the Federation of Women's Clubs and the Garden Club of Virginia. In her religious faith she is an Episcopalian.

In Berryville, Virginia, on May 31, 1947, Rose Mortimer Ellzey MacDonald was married to J. Lewis Skoggs. They reside in Berryville.

FRANK ARMSTRONG, JR., has been identified since 1926 with the National Fruit Product Company, Inc. He has been its treasurer since 1945, and in 1950 became its president as well. His has been an active influence in canners' groups, and in the affairs of his own community, Winchester.

A son of Frank Armstrong, Sr. (q.v.) and of Nellie (Steel) Armstrong, Frank Armstrong, Jr., was born in Clarksburg, West Virginia, December 24, 1900. He attended public schools both there and in Washington, D. C. and also at Parkersburg, West Virginia and Fort Pierce, Florida, but graduated from Central High School in the nation's capital in the class of 1918. Mr. Armstrong then entered the University of Pennsylvania, from which he graduated in 1922 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts.

Mr. Armstrong's first employment was with the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company in Washington, D. C. From 1922 to 1926 he was on the chief accountant's staff of this utility company. Since then he has been identified with the National Fruit Product Company, Inc. He became assistant general manager, later vice-president in charge of production, then vice-president and treasurer, and in 1950 was made president, while retaining the office of treasurer. He is also a member of the board of directors.

Among his other business connections, Mr. Armstrong is a director of the Shenandoah Valley National Bank. He is a past director of the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce, and was for two years president of the Winchester Chamber of Commerce. He was president of the Rotary Club during 1936-1937, and is a member of the Winchester Golf Club. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. He finds his hobby in model railroads, and his favorite outdoor sport is golf. He attends the Presbyterian Church. His fraternity is Phi Sigma Kappa.

Identified with canners' organizations of both local and national scope, Mr. Armstrong is a member of the National Canners Association, the National Preservers Association, and the International Apple Association. He is also a member of the United States Chamber of Commerce as well as the local and state chambers.

In Chester, Pennsylvania, December 29, 1927, Frank Armstrong, Jr., married Margaret Twel-

tridge of that city, who was born June 28, 1903, daughter of Albert L. and Margaret Taylor Tweltridge. Mrs. Armstrong's father was born in England, while her mother was a native of the Eastern Shore of Maryland. Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong, who make their home in Winchester, are the parents of four children: 1. Jo Anne, who was born in Washington, D. C., November 2, 1928. 2. Gretchen Tweltridge, born October 14, 1932 in Winchester. 3. Frank, 3rd, born in Winchester, October 31, 1936. 4. William Tweltridge, born in Winchester, December 5, 1942.

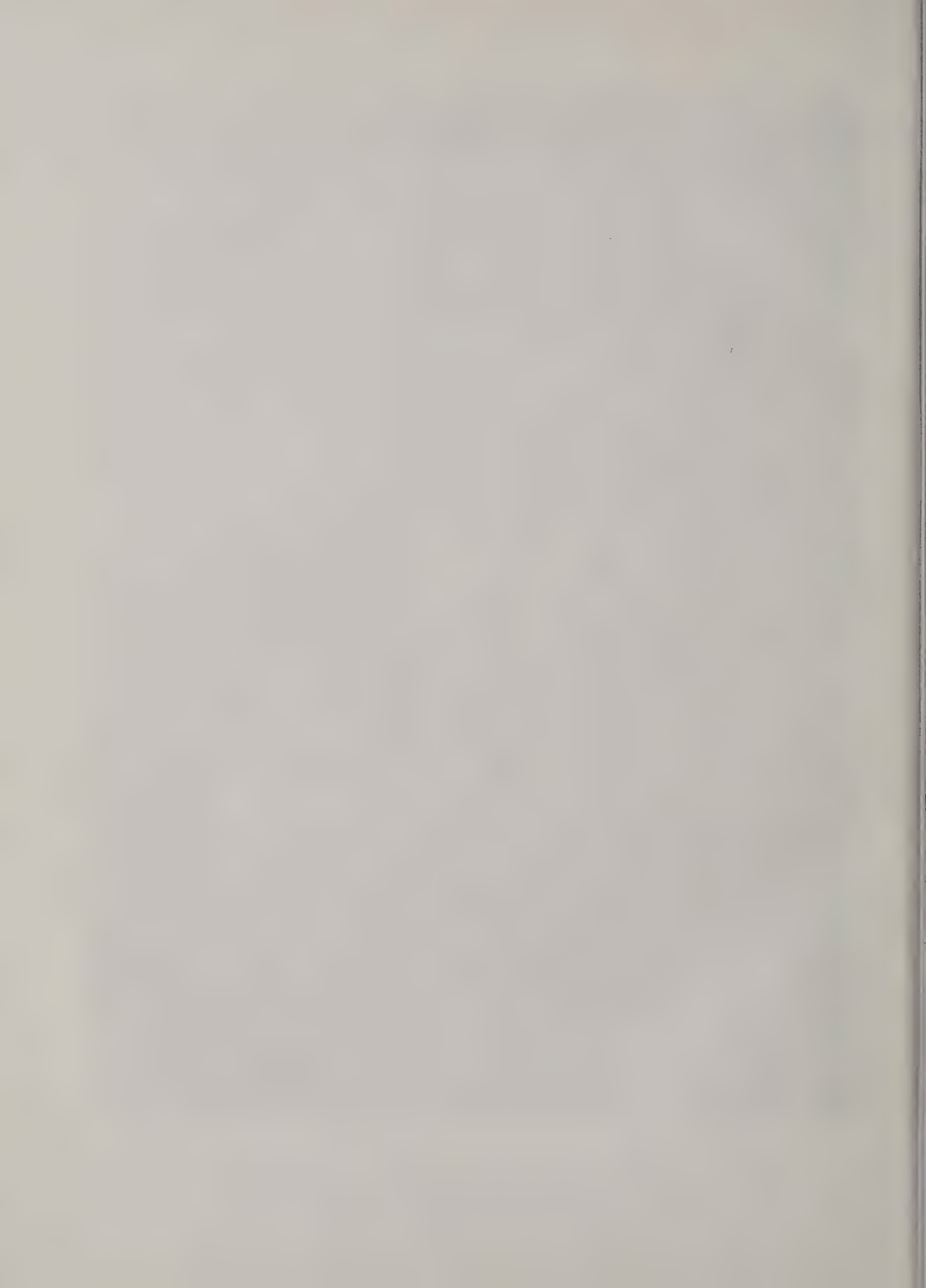
FRANK ARMSTRONG, SR. — Since 1913, Frank Armstrong, Sr., has been identified with the National Fruit Product Company, Inc., of Winchester, and is now chairman of its board. Agriculture is one of his major avocational interests, and he has a large herd of Aberdeen-Angus cattle and considerable productive acreage. Mr. Armstrong's connection with the company, which has had its headquarters at Winchester since 1938, has covered a period of steady and rapid growth, and his influence in its management has been most constructive.

A son of William and Emily (Shannon) Armstrong, Frank Armstrong, Sr., was born at Central Station, West Virginia, on October 26, 1871. His father, a native of Oakland, Maryland, was throughout most of his career in the employ of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. After attending public schools at Central Station, West Virginia, Frank Armstrong, Sr., entered Parkersburg High School, from which he graduated. His first business connection was in the wholesale grocery business with the firm of Shattuck and Jackson in Parkersburg, West Virginia, with which he began work in 1888. He next formed his own company, Armstrong-Crislip-Day and Company, in Clarksburg, West Virginia, and in this partnership he continued until 1906. In 1908 he formed the firm of Board, Armstrong and Company, with headquarters in Alexandria, Virginia, and with this he was identified until 1913 at which time it was reorganized as the National Fruit Product Company, Inc.

Mr. Armstrong has also been active in other aspects of fruit production. For a number of years starting in 1906, he grew pineapples near Fort Pierce, St. Louis County, Florida, and he also has been active in the development of farm properties in that state, chiefly in the vicinity of the Indian River. From 1906 to 1919 he was ac-



Frank Armstrong





Frank Strong, Jr.

tive to a greater or lesser extent in real estate development in the state of Florida.

Since 1919 Mr. Armstrong has devoted his full time to the operations of the National Fruit Product Company. Throughout most of those years, its headquarters were at Washington, D. C. but in 1938 its general offices were moved to Winchester, Virginia.

In 1934, Mr. Armstrong purchased a farm consisting of four hundred acres in Madison County, and there he has successfully engaged in the breeding of Aberdeen Angus cattle. His farm properties now consist of about thirteen hundred acres situated near Haywood, Virginia, and his herd of registered cattle numbers about three hundred.

Frank Armstrong, Sr., is a trustee of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in Washington, D. C.

In Clarksburg, West Virginia, November 17, 1897, Frank Armstrong, Sr., married Nellie Steel, who was born in Clarksburg, March 14, 1873, daughter of Samuel Rossiter and Margaret Steel. Her father served as a captain during the Civil War. Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong became the parents of two children: 1. Frank, Jr., (q.v.). 2. Eleanor Virginia (Armstrong) Glover, born September 28, 1903.

NATIONAL FRUIT PRODUCT COMPANY, INC.—The organization now known as the National Fruit Product Company, Inc., had its beginning in the summer of 1908. At that time the only important production of cider vinegar in the East was in New York State, but the rapidly developing apple production in the Shenandoah Valley gave promise of soon supplying the raw material for a similar industry in this area. Mr. B. Fleet Board and Mr. Frank Armstrong (q.v.) organized Board, Armstrong and Company, and purchased the cider and vinegar business of Semmes, Kelly, Board and Company, an auxiliary of Semmes, Kelly and Company, wholesale grocers of Washington, D. C. A warehouse was established at Alexandria, Virginia, and the first shipments were made in August, 1908.

At the start, cider and vinegar were purchased from New York State manufacturers, but in 1909 the Alexandria factory was built with three cider presses and ten storage tanks. This plant was expanded year after year until the storage capacity comprised forty tanks with a volume of more than a million gallons. After Mr. Board's death in the spring of 1912, Mr. Armstrong became managing head of the business. In 1913 he organized

the National Fruit Product Company, Inc., which took over the business of the old company on March first of that year.

The one product then was cider vinegar, as the sweet cider business was small in volume. The White House brand first used by Semmes, Kelly, Board Company about ten years previously, had been pushed by Board, Armstrong and Company until a considerable distribution had been built up. It was all shipped in wood packages at first, but soon a high quality of vinegar in glass packages, under the White House label, met acceptance on the market. In order to supply the Alexandria plant during the early days of the business, apples had to be drawn from a wide territory—from Patrick County, Virginia, in the south to the Lake Ontario territory of New York State in the north. But the apple plantings of the Appalachian area were developing rapidly, and in 1915 the second cider vinegar plant was established in Winchester. This plant at first was a duplicator of the Alexandria plant in capacity, but in later years has been increased until now it has three times the original capacity.

The first adventure into other apple products than cider and vinegar was in 1918, when the first canning plant was built in Winchester. This was at the time when all the apples canned in the East were processed by the water-pack method—that is, there was a large proportion of water in each can. The National Fruit Product Company was the first firm in the East to take advantage of the West Coast innovation of the "solid pack" (packing without water), and their quality soon surpassed that of Northwestern canners in this regard.

In 1919 the property of the Hannis Distilling Company in Martinsburg, West Virginia, was purchased for a third vinegar plant. Here a factory of six presses, of over two million gallons' storage capacity, together with a bottling plant, was established. There were now three plants with a total capacity of about six million gallons of vinegar. In 1921, having determined that there should be another plant at Basic, Virginia (which has since become a part of Waynesboro), a plant site was acquired there, but shortly afterwards the Waynesboro Vinegar Company, who owned a little plant on the other side of town, offered this plant for sale. This offer was accepted in 1922. In 1925 this plant burned to the ground and in 1928 a new plant was built on the alternate site, in the Basic section of Waynesboro. During the month of July, 1925, the plant at Alexandria also suffered a disastrous fire. However, since this plant had

long since been superseded by the plants built in the Valley close to the apple supply, it was decided not to rebuild the Alexandria plant but to establish at Winchester additional capacity to take the place of that at Alexandria. A new cider plant was then built in Winchester, which was followed in 1927 by the construction of a new and larger generator building.

The years 1929-1931 are memorable in the expansion of the business, for in this period the company purchased the Repp Orchard Products Company at Glassboro, New Jersey, the Shenandoah Apple Products Company of Strasburg, Virginia, the Cumberland Valley Fruit Products Company of Martinsburg, West Virginia, and the Knouse Corporation of Peach Glen, Pennsylvania. The period 1930-1940 found the company expanding its production of apple products at the Valley plants and adventuring into products other than those derived from apples. Applesauce, apple butter and apple jelly were produced in large volume at Winchester. At Martinsburg, a fruit pectin plant was started in 1934. Prune juice and apple juice were later added. A pickle plant was started at Harrisonburg, Virginia, about 1934, but after a few years this project was abandoned as unsatisfactory. About 1937 the company purchased the Dix Sauerkraut factory at Crockett in southwest Virginia. This was operated for several seasons and an excellent quality of sauerkraut was produced, but production was too limited to prove profitable and the property was sold. In 1939 a white distilled vinegar factory was constructed in Atlanta, Georgia, and production of vinegar at that point has been on the increase each year since.

The general offices of the company were moved to Winchester from Washington, D. C., in June, 1938. They had been located in the capital city since 1912. At the present time the company has factories at Winchester; also Waynesboro and Strasburg, Virginia, and Martinsburg, West Virginia; Glassboro, New Jersey; and Atlanta, Georgia. While the number of employees varies considerably during the year because of the seasonal nature of the work, the yearly average is around eight hundred persons. The products manufactured are apple cider vinegar, distilled vinegar, canned sliced apples, baked apples, applesauce, apple butter, apple jelly, apple juice, fruit pectin and prune juice.

The present officers of the company are: Frank Armstrong, Sr., chairman of the board; Frank Armstrong, Jr., president and treasurer; L. W. Brown, vice-president in charge of sales; W. W.

Hunt, vice-president in charge of production; Ralph L. Hardy, secretary; and Mrs. Emma G. Ball, assistant secretary and assistant treasurer. Biographical sketches of the chairman of the board and of the president accompany this sketch.

WILLIAM DANIEL STAPLES—It is with a broad background of business and professional activity that William Daniel Staples has come to his present position as director of public relations with the West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company of New York. His family is a well-established one of Roanoke; and although Mr. Staples presently centers his activities in New York City and Douglaston, Long Island, he has retained his deep interest in his native state.

Mr. Staples was born November 16, 1907, in Staunton, Virginia, the son of Waller Redd and Olivia (Trout) Staples. His father was a lawyer, including among his professional activities service as judge of the Hustings Court in Roanoke.

William Daniel Staples attended public schools in the city and county of Roanoke between 1914 and 1921, then was a student at the Episcopal High School in Alexandria, Virginia, from 1921 to 1925. He followed his high school studies with four years at Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey, where he received the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1929. Afterward when he decided to study law he entered the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, where he remained between 1932 and 1935, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Laws. Meanwhile he had spent three years between 1929 and 1932 with different publishing companies as an editorial reader. These organizations included The John Day Company, Richard R. Smith, Inc., and Bobbs-Merrill, all in New York.

After graduation from law school, Mr. Staples became a member of the firm of Showalter, Parsons, Kuyk and Staples of Roanoke. Continuing with them from 1935 to 1941, he then spent one year as a member of the legal staff of the War Production Board, in Washington, D. C. From 1946 to 1948, he was assistant executive secretary of the American Pulp and Paper Association, in New York. Then in 1948, he assumed his present duties as director of public relations with the West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company, in New York City. Mr. Staples's activities have been many-sided. In the 1930s the law firm of which he was a member served as council to the Liberty Trust Company and the Colonial American National Bank, both of Roanoke. During

World War II, Mr. Staples held numerous special assignments in connection with the military government and civilian supplies, chiefly with the SHAEF in Sicily, London, Paris and Frankfurt between 1943 and 1946. Mr. Staples is a member of the Episcopal Church.

William Daniel Staples married, November 23, 1937, in Roanoke, Virginia, Mary Elizabeth Macdowell, daughter of Walter G. and Alice (Miller) Macdowell.

ROBERT LEE LYNN—The remarkable career of Robert Lee Lynn, of Roanoke, was based upon the exceptional merchandising abilities by which he progressed from the position of clerk in the mercantile house of Heironimus and Brugh, to the presidency of its successor firm, the S. H. Heironimus Company, Inc. During the twenty years Mr. Lynn headed this firm, whose department store is known throughout the Shenandoah Valley, he progressed steadily in the respect of his fellow citizens and in their recognition of his powers; and many important offices, both commercial and civic, were ably discharged by him. He has left lasting impress upon the affairs of his city.

Mr. Lynn was born at Catharpin, Prince William County, on June 27, 1872. He received his education in the local schools, and at the age of nineteen began his career, coming from his Northern Virginia home to Roanoke and taking employment at the store of Heironimus and Brugh, which was located on Commerce Street across from where the Municipal Building now stands. He began work in the capacity of clerk, but immediately showed both his interest and aptitude for merchandising. On the retirement of one of the partners, Mr. Brugh, in 1902, Mr. Lynn had conserved sufficient of his resources to purchase an interest in the company; and he took the retiring man's place in the company, assuming the office of vice-president and general manager.

A decade later, R. Lee Lynn and associates purchased from S. H. Heironimus a controlling interest in the firm, which was growing into one of the most significant merchandising centers of the Shenandoah Valley. For over a score of years, the store was located at Jefferson and Church Avenues, after which it removed into the enlarged and remodeled MacBain Building, at Campbell, Henry and Kirk Streets. Largely through Mr. Lynn's efforts during those years, it assumed the place of leadership as a retail outlet which it oc-

cupies today. This aspect of his career has thus been reviewed editorially:

The large establishment of which he was for many years the director reflected the merchandizing ability as well as the genial personality of its head. Keeping abreast of the times, it has added departments, improved buying methods, enlarged its services and become to many busy housekeepers through a large part of the state an institution and a friend as well as a place of trade.

Mr. Lynn was past president of the Retail Merchants Association, and he was a director of the First National Exchange Bank. He took a vital interest in civic affairs to an extent that it was said that he was "constantly at the calling of his community." He was a member of the Chamber of Commerce, and for a year its president, a year which is "still remembered for its progressive policies." Many committees of the Chamber benefited by his advice and counsel. He also held membership on municipal committees. He was a Rotarian, an early president of the club in Roanoke, and placed the strength of his mind and personality squarely behind that worthwhile movement.

Mr. Lynn was also active in the work of his church, the Calvary Baptist. He served that congregation as a deacon, chairman of the music committee, and as Sunday school superintendent. His personal generosity, as well as his managerial ability, resulted in the complete payment of the debt on the church building and Sunday school.

Fraternally, Mr. Lynn was affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and having advanced to the thirty-second degree, was a member of the Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He was also a member of the Doakies, and of the Knights of Pythias.

Robert Lee Lynn was married to the former Ethel Rucker of Lynchburg. By a former marriage, he was the father of two children: 1. Robert L., whose record accompanies this sketch, and who, after the death of his father, assumed the presidency of the S. H. Heironimus Company. 2. Mrs. V. P. Moir, of Roanoke.

During Mr. Lynn's presidency, his son, Robert L., was vice-president of the company. Other officials of the firm, at the time of his death, were H. D. Gray, secretary-treasurer, and T. J. King and Ralph K. Baker, directors.

Mr. Lynn died October 6, 1936, at the Jefferson Hospital, where shortly before he had undergone a major operation. His passing was viewed as a grievous loss to the entire city, among com-

mercial and civic leaders alike, and to the host of friends attracted through the years by his memorable personality. The local press thus noted the effect of his passing:

In any history that may be written of Roanoke high place must be given to men like Lee Lynn, who in the formative years of the community stamped their character on its business and social and church life in an indelible way. Roanoke suffered a severe loss in his death. But it is immeasurably richer in that he has lived for so long among us.

ROBERT L. LYNN—For many years active in business affairs in Roanoke, Robert L. Lynn is president of S. H. Heironimus Company, Inc., operators of one of the Shenandoah Valley's leading department stores.

Mr. Lynn was born February 8, 1908, in Roanoke, Virginia, son of Robert Lee and Bertie (Miller) Lynn, both native Virginians. His father was born in Catharpin, and the mother in Free Union.

Roanoke public schools furnished Robert L. Lynn's early formal education, and he was graduated from high school in 1926. He then entered Virginia Military Institute, where he completed his course in 1931, and he also had a year of study at Columbia University. Upon finishing his college studies, Mr. Lynn became associated with the Heironimus Company, in Roanoke, serving in different departments of the company and holding many different offices prior to his election to the presidency in 1936.

To this company, which was founded in 1890 and which has a creditable history of service behind it, Mr. Lynn has brought the full measure of his experience and ability. He is active in general business affairs in Roanoke, where he belongs to the Roanoke Chamber of Commerce, the Roanoke Country Club, the Second Presbyterian Church and other groups. While a student, he became a member of the Kappa Sigma fraternity.

Robert L. Lynn married, March 23, 1935, in Richmond, Virginia, Virginia Dawson, born in Salem, Virginia, daughter of Lewis and Hattie (Stratton) Dawson. They became the parents of three children: 1. Robert L., born January 1, 1938. 2. Elizabeth L. and 3. Richard M., twins, born July 2, 1941. All the children were born in Roanoke.

EUGENE PAUL SAKERS—As executive secretary of its Chamber of Commerce, the city of Winchester has chosen a young man of proven

abilities and progressive views, Eugene Paul Sakers. He has had varied experience in the aircraft field and in sales promotion, and served his country in the United States Coast Guard during World War II.

Born February 13, 1922, Mr. Sakers is a native of Baltimore, Maryland, and a son of William Edward and Catharine Sakers. His father, who was engaged in the building and painting contracting field in Baltimore, died in 1945. Eugene Paul Sakers received his education in his native city. Graduating from high school in Baltimore in 1938, he took night courses at the Maryland Institute of Art for one year. After completion of his World War II service with the Coast Guard, he continued his education, attending the Congressional School of Aeronautics in Washington, D. C.

Before that time, however, Mr. Sakers had gained considerable experience in the business world. His first connection was with the American Radiator and Sanitary Corporation in Baltimore, in 1939. Remaining in the same city, he was thereafter connected with the Glenn Martin Aircraft Company. He next went with the General Electric Company, in a sales promotion capacity.

In September, 1942, Mr. Sakers entered the United States Coast Guard. He trained at Curtis Bay, Baltimore; was later stationed at Ocean City, also in Maryland, on coast patrol; and was thereafter in Coast Guard-Naval Intelligence in Baltimore. He had been enlisted in the Coast Guard for nearly three years at the time of his honorable discharge in July, 1945.

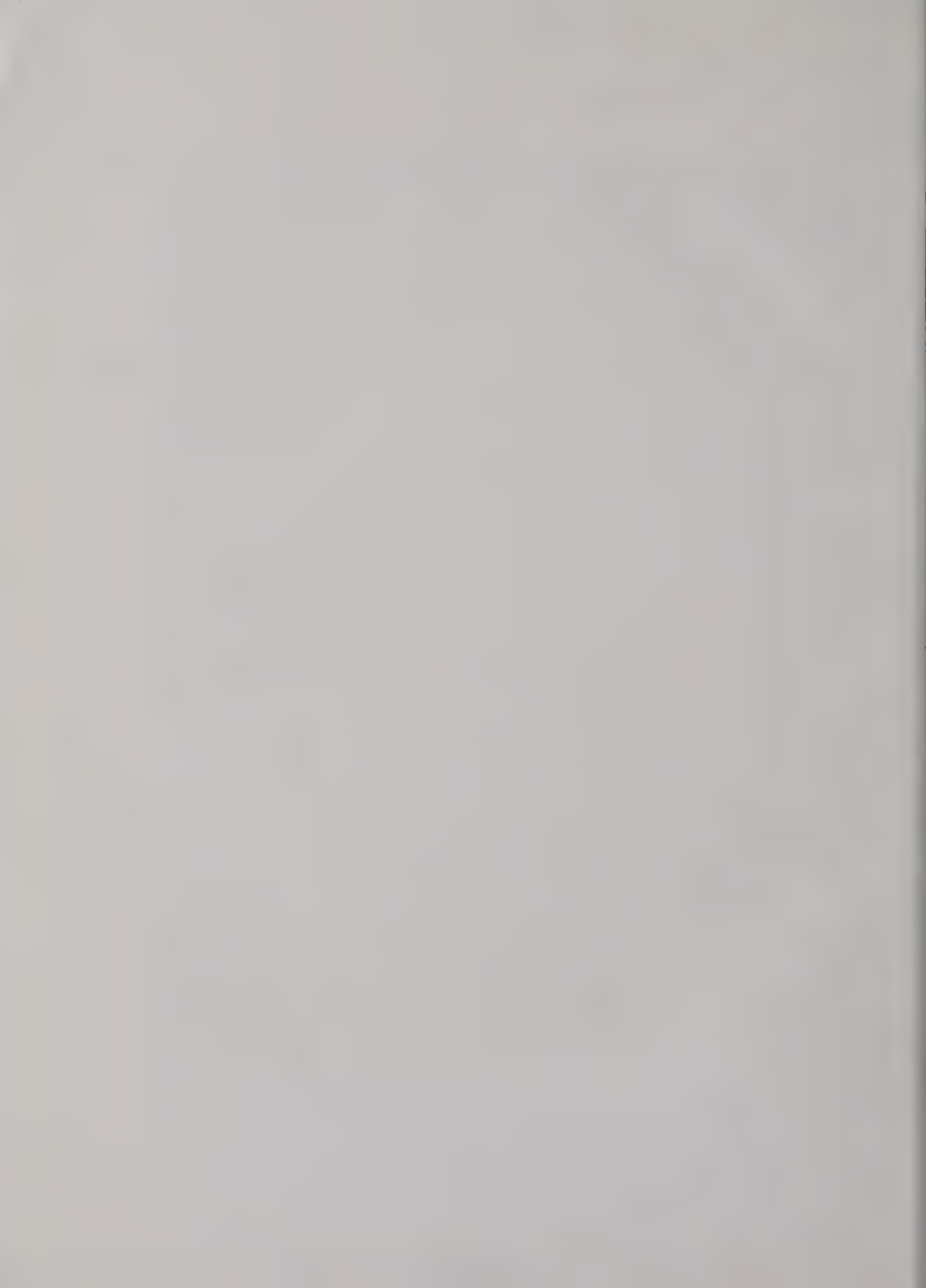
During the remainder of that year and the early part of the next, Mr. Sakers studied at the Congressional School of Aeronautics in Washington, D. C. At the completion of his course, he was given the opportunity to remain with the school as flight instructor, which he did until January, 1948. He holds a commercial pilot's license.

From January until June, 1948, Mr. Sakers was engaged in the electric appliances sales field in the Winchester area. Here he formed invaluable business connections and gave evidence of the abilities which led to the position which he now holds—that of executive secretary of the Winchester Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Sakers is a Democrat in his political affiliation. He is a member of the United States Chamber of Commerce and the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce, the Junior Chamber of Commerce



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of his own community, the Lions Club, and the post of the American Legion. He is a member of the Episcopal Church.

At Canton, Pennsylvania, June 25, 1949, Eugene Paul Sakers married Marcia Whipple of that city, daughter of Ivan and Myra Whipple. Mr. and Mrs. Sakers reside at 12 North Cameron Street in Winchester; and his office address is that of the Chamber of Commerce.

MAJOR GENERAL EVARTS WALTON OPIE

—In another biography in this history, the founding of the Opie family of Virginia is recorded. The family has been prominent in Virginia affairs in every generation, its interests up to the 20th Century having been principally agrarian, though it has produced lawyers, legislators, doctors, ministers, and soldiers in the republic's various wars.

Not until the present generation did any of the Virginia Opies turn to journalism. The late Hierome Lindsay Opie, whose name appeared in nearly every generation of the family in this country, founded "The Evening Leader" in Staunton in 1904. Associated with him were two brothers, one the Rev. Thomas F. Opie, D.D., now a retired Episcopal minister of Great Barrington, Massachusetts, and the other the subject of this sketch, Major General Evarts Walton Opie. The senior member of this trio appears in another biography in this volume. He was retired from the Virginia National Guard with the rank of brigadier general and died in 1943. An older brother, the late John N. Opie, Jr., made his home in Baltimore, Maryland, and his son, John N. Opie, 3rd, was graduated from the United States Naval Academy and is a captain in the United States Navy, his daughter Eleanor being the wife of Herbert B. Loper, Brigadier General, Corps of Engineers, United States Army.

A younger brother of John N. Opie, Dr. Thomas Opie, also moved to Baltimore early in life, becoming chief surgeon at John Hopkins and founding the numerous Opie family of Maryland.

The present head of the Opie clan in Virginia was born in Staunton on September 13, 1893, the youngest of twelve children of John N. and Ida (Fletcher) Opie, descendant of a Scotch Presbyterian family which also settled in this country in early colonial times. He was educated in Staunton public schools and the Staunton Military Academy, of which he was an honor graduate. Having started work with his older brother's

newspaper when it was launched in 1904 and having worked at journalism in after-school hours, he entered it as a full-time calling in 1911, and has advanced through practically all newspaper positions to that of publisher of "The Evening Leader" and "The News-Leader", the latter a morning daily, being a combination of "The Morning Leader", established in 1906, and "The Daily News" (1893), which merger was effected in 1919.

Under the Opies the Staunton newspapers have been operated as community institutions with the motto, "The public interest first". They have taken the lead in innumerable progressive undertakings, and their successive publishers and members of their staffs have been active supporters or leaders in every project for the advancement of the Staunton and Augusta area, the publishers' civic interests and work reaching out into regional, state and national fields. "The Leader" papers, wholly independent of political or other obligations which sometimes affect newspaper policies, are trusted and influential, and stand high in Virginia journalism, in which they have been given numerous awards for excellence.

In 1907, Evarts Walton Opie enlisted in the National Guard, and in 1911 was commissioned a first lieutenant of infantry. He served as such on the Mexican border during the troubles of 1916, and in 1917, as the United States entered World War I, he resigned and accepted a commission in the Regular Army, rising within a few months to the grade of captain of cavalry. In 1919 he served in France under the United States Liquidation Commission. Returning in 1920, he resigned from the army and returned to the Staunton newspapers, and to a National Guard commission as captain. Mobilization prior to World War II found him a colonel in command of the 116th Infantry, Virginia National Guard, and a graduate of the army's Command and General Staff College. He continued in command of this famous regiment throughout its expansion to war strength and during its period of training for combat overseas. He was promoted to brigadier general just as his regiment embarked for the European theater and was assigned to the training of combat replacements, some one hundred and fifty thousand of whom came under his supervision. The 116th Infantry and its Virginia combat teammate, the 111th Field Artillery Battalion, moved on to fame in sanguinary fighting in France and Germany, having been picked to spearhead the landing, abreast of the 16th Infantry, on Omaha Beach in Normandy.

General Opie retired at his own request in 1946, with the rank of major general. He was awarded the Virginia Distinguished Service Medal for his expansion and training of the only Virginia military units to see combat in World War II, for his training of other combat troops, and for distinguished service covering forty years.

Journalism and soldiering have been only two of many interests of the youngest of the Opie brothers. An active Episcopal churchman, he has served his church as vestryman and warden, diocesan council delegate and diocesan director, president of his parish laymen's league and twice president of the diocesan league, director of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, men's Bible teacher, and lay reader. He has served or is serving as director or officer of numerous community organizations, including the American Red Cross, the American Legion, the Rotary Club, the United Service Organizations, the King's Daughters' Hospital, the Chamber of Commerce, and others. He is chairman of the building committee for the King's Daughters new \$2,500,000 hospital, and is serving his second term as member of the State Hospital Board, of which he was elected chairman in his first term. This board has supervision of the state's seven mental hospitals and is engaged in a multi-million dollar construction program. He has served a number of terms as a member of the executive committee, Virginia Press Association, and as chairman of the legislative committee. General Opie is frequently called upon to represent his community's interests in state and federal matters, and is much in demand as a public speaker.

In 1925, Evarts Walton Opie married Elizabeth Holmes Kerr, descendant of an early Augustan family. Her father, the late Hugh H. Kerr, was commonwealth's attorney for Augusta for a quarter of a century. General and Mrs. Opie have two children: 1. Sara Elizabeth. 2. Evarts Walton, Jr.

SAMUEL THOMAS BROWN—As president of the Virginia Iron, Coal and Coke Company, Samuel Thomas Brown is one of the industrial leaders of the Shenandoah Valley. He also contributes to the material advancement of his locality as industrial consulting engineer, and as official in a number of other concerns besides the one of his primary interest.

Son of Elmer Collins and Frances Betterton (Gregg) Brown, Samuel Thomas Brown was born in Patton, Pennsylvania, April 18, 1896. His

father was a mining engineer. In his native Patton, Mr. Brown attended the public elementary and secondary schools, after which he enrolled at Fishburne Military School in Waynesboro, Virginia, and thereafter at the Kiskiminetas Springs School, Saltsburg, Pennsylvania. He completed his education at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, from which he received the degree of Mechanical Engineer, in 1917.

Shortly after graduation from college, Mr. Brown assumed the responsibilities connected with settling the estate of his father, and thereafter assumed the presidency of the Glenside Coal Company, the Bakerton Coal Company, and the Beaver Company, retaining the chief executive positions in those firms from 1918 to 1927. Other concurrent business connections included directorships in the First National Bank of Patton, Pennsylvania, and the Farmers Bank and Trust Company of Indiana, Pennsylvania, from 1922 to 1926. He was receiver of the Punxiana Coal and Coke Company from 1926 to 1928. Since 1927, Mr. Brown has been president of the Hughes-Brown-Moore Corporation, a real estate firm with offices in Chicago, Illinois. He is also a partner in the firm of Hughes, Brown and Moore, investments. During 1936-1938, he was in the executive department of Wilson Company, Inc., of Chicago, Illinois, as a trouble shooter on special assignments. The extent of Mr. Brown's interests has thus covered a number of states, in the East, Midwest, West and the Shenandoah Valley.

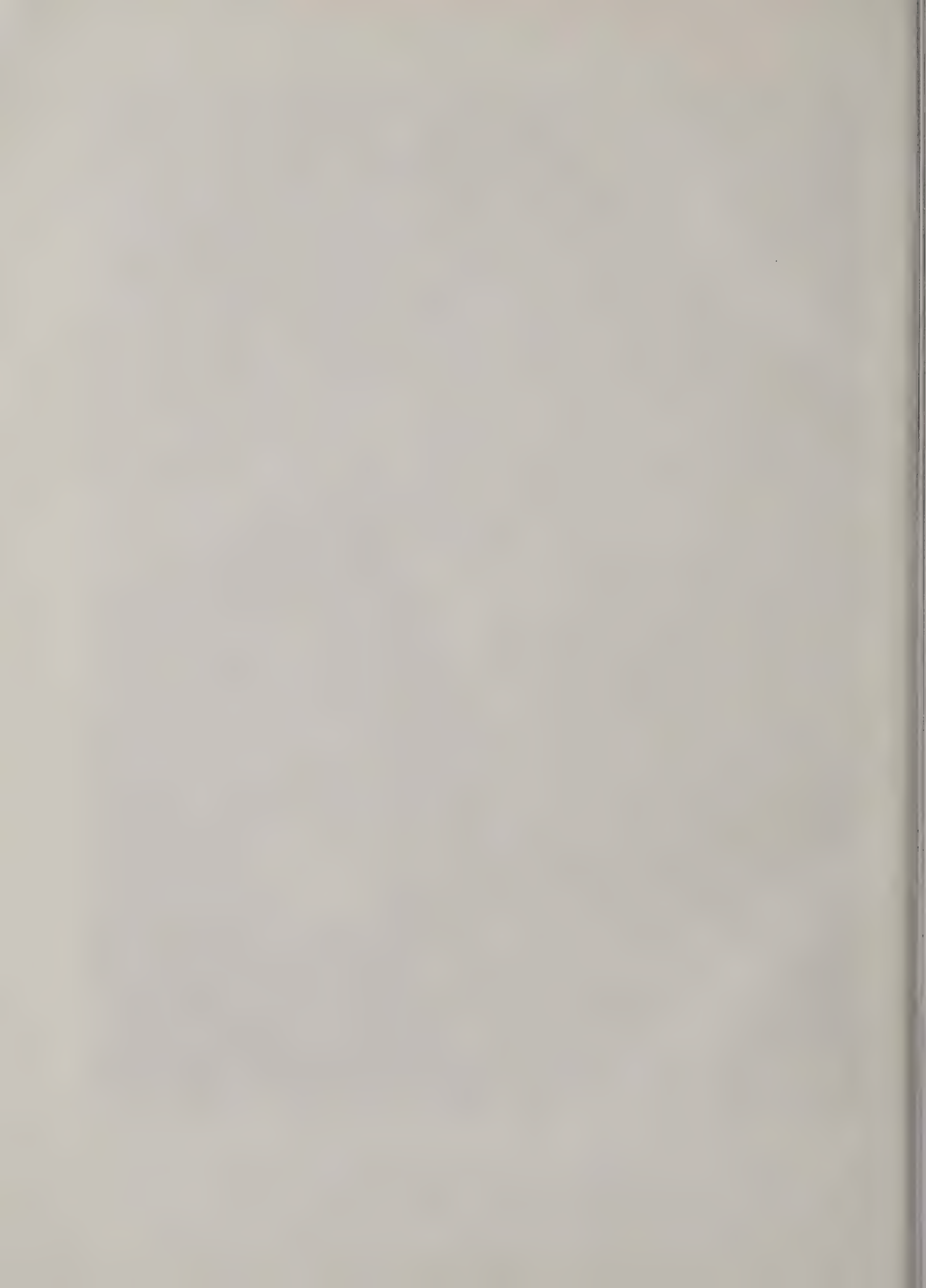
Mr. Brown is affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and he holds the thirty-second degree. He is also a member of the Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, in Altoona. He is fraternally affiliated with Kappa Sigma. Locally, he belongs to the Shenandoah Club of Roanoke, and the Roanoke Country Club. He is also a member of the University Club of Chicago, the University Club of New York City, and the Mining Club, of New York City. He is an Episcopalian.

Mr. Brown held the rank of ensign in the United States Naval Reserve from 1918 to 1922.

On February 9, 1921, Samuel Thomas Brown married Katherine Woodcock Kiefer. They are the parents of three children: Samuel Thomas, Jr., born December 12, 1921. 2. Mary Elizabeth, born October 19, 1923. 3. Elmer Collins, born September 5, 1925. The family resides on Old Country Club Road, Roanoke.



John J. Brown



CHARLES VERNON EDDY — The name of C. Vernon Eddy, of Winchester, is identified with achievement in a number of fields. He has been successful in the printing and publishing business; has done outstanding work as librarian, and has headed the Virginia Library Association; and has been equally prominent in the work of the Boy Scouts of America and the American Red Cross. Most notable on a nationwide scale, however, have been Mr. Eddy's connections with Masonry. He has been a Freemason since 1899, and in 1948 was elected sixteenth Sovereign Grand Master of the Grand Council Allied Masonic Degrees of the United States.

A native of Winchester, Virginia, born September 13, 1877, C. Vernon Eddy is a son of James Clarkson and Florence Alberta (Snapp) Eddy. His father was a millwright by trade, who also turned his personal qualifications to good account as a salesman of milling machinery. For his early education, C. Vernon Eddy attended private schools, and he was graduated from the Shenandoah Valley Academy of Winchester, class of 1896.

Mr. Eddy began his business career in that year as printer and publisher, being co-founder with his brother, J. Frank Eddy, of the Eddy Press, which assumed its corporate identity in 1901, in Winchester, Virginia. Although the brothers later disposed of this enterprise, it has continued to the present time as an organization engaged in printing and publishing, and is now located in East Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. In 1913, Mr. Eddy's vital interest in books and records took another form: he became librarian of the public library of the city of Winchester, known as The Handley Library, and has held that position to the present time. This library represents one of the benefits to the city stemming from The Handley Trust, controlled by the city of Winchester and having a corpus of over one and a half million dollars. Mr. Eddy became secretary of the Handley Board of Trustees in 1921, and that office, too, he has held to the present time. He has also been treasurer of the Handley Board of Trustees from 1931 to date. As a librarian, highly regarded among members of that profession, Mr. Eddy filled for two terms the office of president of the Virginia Library Association, the years of his election being 1924 and 1937. He has been secretary and treasurer of the Winchester, Virginia, Historical Society since 1931.

In the service of his community, Mr. Eddy has held, and continues to hold, a number of im-

portant offices. He is chairman of the park commission of Winchester; is secretary of the Winchester and Frederick County Chapter of the American Red Cross (hence a member of its board of directors), which office he has filled since 1917; and has been continuously a member of the local councils and later of the executive committee of the Shenandoah Area, Boy Scouts of America.

Mr. Eddy became a charter member of the Rotary Club of Winchester when it was organized in 1921, and has retained membership to date, this being another channel through which his interest in civic betterment is expressed. He is also a member of the Commonwealth Club of Richmond.

C. Vernon Eddy's eminence in the field of Freemasonry led, in 1948, to his selection as Sovereign Grand Master of the Grand Council Allied Masonic Degrees of the United States of America. Mr. Eddy's Masonic record, published at that time in Volume III of the "Annals of the Grand Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees of the United States of America", represents probably the best summation of his achievements in this order. We quote this record herewith:

He was Raised April 11, 1899, in Winchester Hiram Lodge, No. 21, in his home city; exalted and greeted in John Dove Chapter of that place that following year; and Knighted in Winchester Commandery one year after his raising. He is a member of the Scottish Rite Bodies of Richmond, and in 1947 he received the Rank and Decoration of K. C. C. H. by vote of the Supreme Council in Washington. He was Grand Master of Masons in Virginia in 1937; Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons in 1941; Grand Commander of Knights Templar in 1925. In 1929 he became Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery, K. T., and still serves in that position. He is also Intendant General for Virginia of the Red Cross of Constantine; Celebrant, Virginia College Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis; Deputy for Virginia, Royal Order of Scotland, and a member of the Board of Directors of the National League of Masonic Clubs,—as well as being Sovereign Grand Master of the Grand Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees of the United States, and also having been installed in 1947 as Grand Captain of the Guard of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States. In 1947, he was Grand Master General, Knights of the York Cross of Honour of U. S. A. and Prefect of the Grand Priory of America, Chevaliers Bienfaisants de la Cite Sainte. He is a Past Preceptor of Gethsemane Tabernacle, No. 2, Ordo Sacerdotalis Temple. He holds honorary membership in a number of Masonic Bodies and is generally, universally, looked on as a Mason of the kind that one likes to have dealings with.

Since the above was published, Mr. Eddy has been advanced to the office of Grand Sword Bearer of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the United States, and he has had similar advancement to the office of Grand Sentinel of the Grand Imperial Council, Red Cross of Constantine of the United States, the Philippines and Mexico. As a member of the order, he is referred to in the abovementioned publication in these terms:

"If in a group of people of all sorts and conditions one were told to pick the Mason as one thinks the Mason ought to be, one would feel the urge to go straight to Vernon Eddy, and no Mason would utter dissent. . . . He is one of the sort who hold that every honor but hides its responsibilities. And Vernon Eddy is perfectly willing to step in and do the task that is before him, without urging."

Mr. Eddy is also fraternally affiliated with Winchester Lodge No. 867, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a Presbyterian in his religious faith, a member of the Loudoun Street Church in Winchester. He has been secretary of the Men's Bible Class of that church for more than thirty years.

In Winchester, Virginia, March 22, 1905, Charles Vernon Eddy married Katharine Graham Kurtz, daughter of George Washington and Mary Frances (Clayton) Kurtz. To Mr. and Mrs. Eddy have been born three children: 1. John Vernon, on April 6, 1907. 2. Richard Kurtz, born July 19, 1911. 3. Charles Francis, born August 14, 1914, died in infancy.

JUNIUS BLAIR FISHBURN—For over sixty years, Junius Blair Fishburn has identified himself prominently with banking in Roanoke and Western Virginia, first with the old National Exchange Bank of Roanoke, and later, in the capacities of vice-president and chairman of the board of directors, with the First National Exchange Bank of Roanoke. His successful career as banker, however, is not indicative of the entire scope of Mr. Fishburn's endeavors, for he is a leader in the publishing field, and vice-president of the Times-World Corporation.

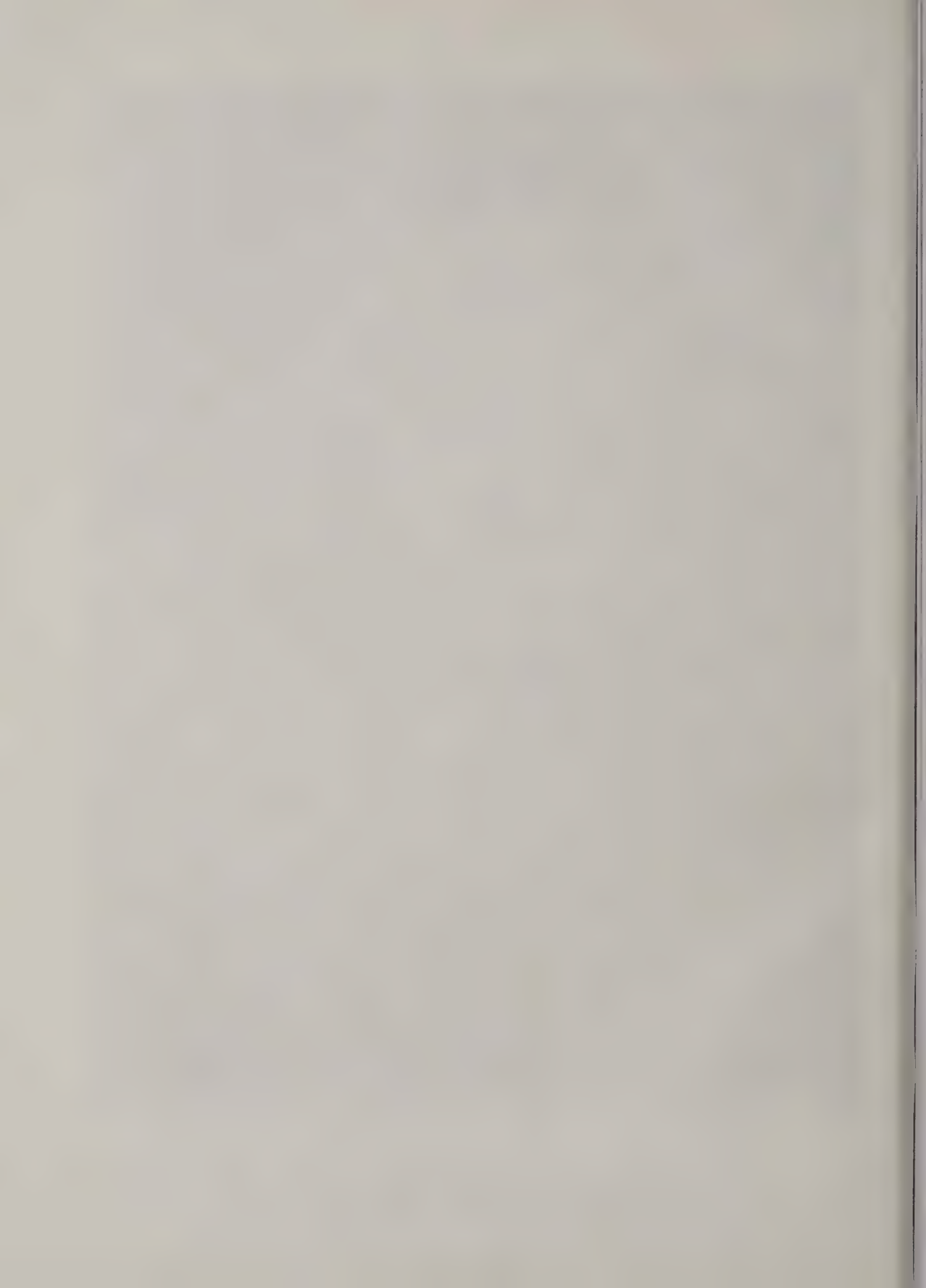
Mr. Fishburn was born in Boone Mill, Virginia, September 27, 1865, son of James Addison and Mary Louise (Boone) Fishburn. His paternal ancestry traces back to 1620, when John Goode migrated from the Barbadoes to Virginia; and his maternal great-great-grandfather, Jacob Boone, founded the town of Boone Mill in Franklin County, Virginia. He is descended also from the pioneer John Jacob Fishburn.

Mr. Fishburn received his preliminary education in local elementary schools, and attended high school at Danville, Kentucky, and Roanoke, Virginia. His career in banking began when, on May 7, 1889, he became the first cashier elected to that office at the National Exchange Bank of Roanoke. Mr. Fishburn continued to serve that banking institution until the time of its reorganization as the First National Exchange Bank of Roanoke, in which bank also he continued to advance to top executive posts. Mr. Fishburn's uncle, T. T. Fishburn, was the prime mover in organizing the National Exchange Bank. A successful Roanoke merchant, he had gone to the West Coast to inquire into the possibilities of forming a bank there; but realized a greater need in Roanoke. He then wrote to his young nephew concerning that town's better prospects, and encouraged him to complete sale of stock for a new bank there. C. Francis Cocke, who was to become president of the First National Exchange Bank, tells of the widespread confidence which the two Fishburns enjoyed in those early years. When Junius Blair Fishburn was elected cashier of the newly-formed bank, at the age of twenty-three, he was entering a new field; and later confessed to Mr. Cocke that "the only knowledge he had of banking was that he knew how to calculate the interest on a \$1000 note for four months at six per cent." Readily identified among his resources, however, were "a keen mind, plenty of energy and a determination to succeed", and his understanding of the intricacies of banking did not remain stationary. He became a director of the bank in 1894, and during this period it enjoyed a considerable prosperity. From January 8, 1901, he served as vice-president, continuing also as cashier, and holding both offices until April 4, 1905. On that date Mr. Fishburn assumed the presidency of the National Exchange Bank, which he continued to head until 1919. On January 13, 1920, he became chairman of the board of directors, serving in that office until the merger of the bank, which took place in 1926. He was director for more than thirty years—from January 9, 1894 until December 31, 1925. At the time he assumed the office of president, the total assets of the bank were \$1,292,504, and at the time of his resignation from that office, they stood at \$10,890,402, both figures marking a vast growth from the \$50,000 of capital stock with which the bank began operations.

The First National Exchange Bank of Roanoke was formed by the consolidation of the First



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National Bank of Roanoke and the National Exchange Bank of Roanoke, and began operations as one bank on January 1, 1926. It operates under the charter of the old First National Bank of Roanoke, because that was the older of the two banks. At the time of consolidation, the National Exchange Bank had capital assets of half a million dollars, and total assets of \$14,247,218. The new bank opened its doors with total assets of \$22,311,823; in January, 1951, the total assets were over \$75,000,000.

Mr. Fishburn's new office in the First National Exchange Bank of Roanoke was that of chairman of the executive committee, which he held from January 1, 1926, to April 19, 1949; and he was vice-president from the same date until January 10, 1939. He has been a director since January 12, 1926, and holds to the present time the position of chairman of the board of directors, to which he was elected on November 5, 1935.

On May 8, 1949, a banquet was given in honor of Junius Blair Fishburn, in observation of the sixtieth anniversary of his services to the bank. Bankers of southeastern Virginia and southern West Virginia gathered to do honor to one of the leaders among them. C. Francis Cocke, president of the First National Exchange Bank, said of Mr. Fishburn, "This bank stands today as a living monument to his wise counsel, his good judgment, his indefatigable energy, his vision for the future and his belief that the city of Roanoke is a good place to live in and will continue to grow and prosper."

Mr. Fishburn early identified himself with other important and constructive aspects of Roanoke life. From 1900 to 1903, he was president of the Roanoke Railway and Electric Company, and also in 1900 became president of the Roanoke Coal and Coke Company. He was elected vice-president of the Hazard Coal Corporation in 1916, and served in that capacity for over a quarter of a century. In addition to being a director of the First National Exchange Bank of Roanoke, Mr. Fishburn has for some years served as a director of the Times-World Corporation; and now, as vice-president of this newspaper publishing concern, he takes a prominent place among Shenandoah Valley's publishing executives.

He has been a public benefactor of his state and locality, in the donation, in 1933, of five thousand acres of land to the state; and, in 1934, the state of Virginia established Fairy Stone State Park. He has donated in all, to the city of Roanoke, six parks, one of these being given jointly with his son.

On April 28, 1941, Mr. Fishburn was given an award by the Council of the City of Roanoke for the donation of lands for use as parks. Mr. Fishburn has also interested himself in the cause of education. He was a trustee of Hollins College, in Virginia; and in 1937 he received the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award of the College of William and Mary for outstanding service rendered to the cause of education and to the state. Washington and Lee University conferred upon Mr. Fishburn, in 1941, the honorary degree of Doctor of Commercial Science.

On January 2, 1951, Mr. Fishburn donated to Virginia Polytechnic Institute, 2,543.92 acres of coal land, valued at sixty thousand dollars and comprised of thirty-four different tracts, most of them on the west end of Price's Mountain.

Likewise an ardent church worker, Mr. Fishburn was for many years a trustee of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was elected a delegate representing the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at the Fifth Ecumenical Methodist Conference held in London, England, in 1921, and was a member of its executive committee.

Mr. Fishburn enjoys an impressive number of organizational affiliations, particularly in learned societies. He is a life member of the Virginia Historical Society, the National Geographic Society and of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, the New England Historical Society, and the Wisconsin Historical Society. He is a member of the English-Speaking Union, the American Academy of Political and Social Science, and the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, and is also a member of the Shenandoah Club. Mr. Fishburn is affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. As recreation he enjoys traveling, and has a special interest in his native state and life-long place of residence, Virginia.

On September 5, 1893, Junius Blair Fishburn married Grace T. Parker of Cleveland, Tennessee, and they became the parents of a son and two daughters: 1. Junius Parker. 2. Mary Evelyn, who married George Scott Shackelford, Jr. 3. (Ernest) Louise, who is now Mrs. Louise F. Fowlkes. Mr. Fishburn resides at 714 Thirteenth Street, Southwest, in Roanoke.

JUNIUS PARKER FISHBURN—A significant figure in the publishing field in Roanoke and Western Virginia, Junius Parker Fishburn has for over a quarter of a century been president of the Times-World Corporation, which publishes the Roanoke "Times", and the Roanoke "World-

News", and operates Radio Station WDBJ. Mr. Fishburn plays a vital part in civic and statewide affairs, and holds a number of official positions with banks, utilities, and other organizations. He holds a responsible place in the shaping of public opinion in this part of the state.

Son of Junius Blair and Grace T. (Parker) Fishburn, Junius Parker Fishburn was born September 30, 1895, in Roanoke. After graduation from Mercersburg Academy in Pennsylvania in 1914, Mr. Fishburn continued his studies at Princeton University, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Letters in 1919. He has subsequently been granted the degrees of Master of Arts by Columbia University in New York City, 1923; and that of Doctor of Commercial Science from Washington and Lee University in 1936.

Mr. Fishburn became vice-president of the Times-World Corporation in 1919, and has been its president since 1923. He was director of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond from 1928 to 1931, and is now a director of the First National Exchange Bank of Roanoke, the Norfolk and Western Railway Company, the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company of Virginia, and the Old Dominion Fire Insurance Company. He was chairman of the board of governors of "Nation's Business" from 1931 to 1934.

In connection with the publishing field, Mr. Fishburn is a member of the American Newspaper Publishers Association, the American Society of Newspaper Editors, and the Southern Newspaper Publishers Association. He is a member of the Roanoke Chamber of Commerce; the United States Chamber of Commerce, of which he was a director in 1930 and vice-president from 1931 to 1934; and the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce, of which he was president from 1926 to 1929. He is a former member of the state's Conservation and Development Commission. He is a member of the Board of Governors of the American National Red Cross. Vitally interested in the cause of education, Mr. Fishburn is a member of the board of regents of Mercersburg Academy, a trustee of Hollins College, and a member of the Board of Visitors at Virginia Polytechnic Institute. He is a member of the American Economic Association, the American Association of Political Science, and Phi Beta Kappa fraternity. He is also a member of the American Historical Association, and has been a Democrat in his politics.

Locally, Mr. Fishburn is an honorary member of the Rotary Club, of which he was president

during 1929-1930, and the Shenandoah and Roanoke country clubs of Roanoke; the Princeton and the University clubs in New York; and the Press Club in Washington. He attends the Presbyterian Church.

On January 14, 1926, Junius Parker Fishburn married Katherine Rodes Nelson, and they are the parents of two children, Sally Hart and Robert Nelson. The family resides at 2731 South Jefferson Street.

JOHN CAMPBELL BOGGS — John Campbell Boggs is principal of Randolph-Macon Academy, which bears a name long associated with high standards of Southern education. He has held that responsible position since 1933, and has devoted his career to the educational field.

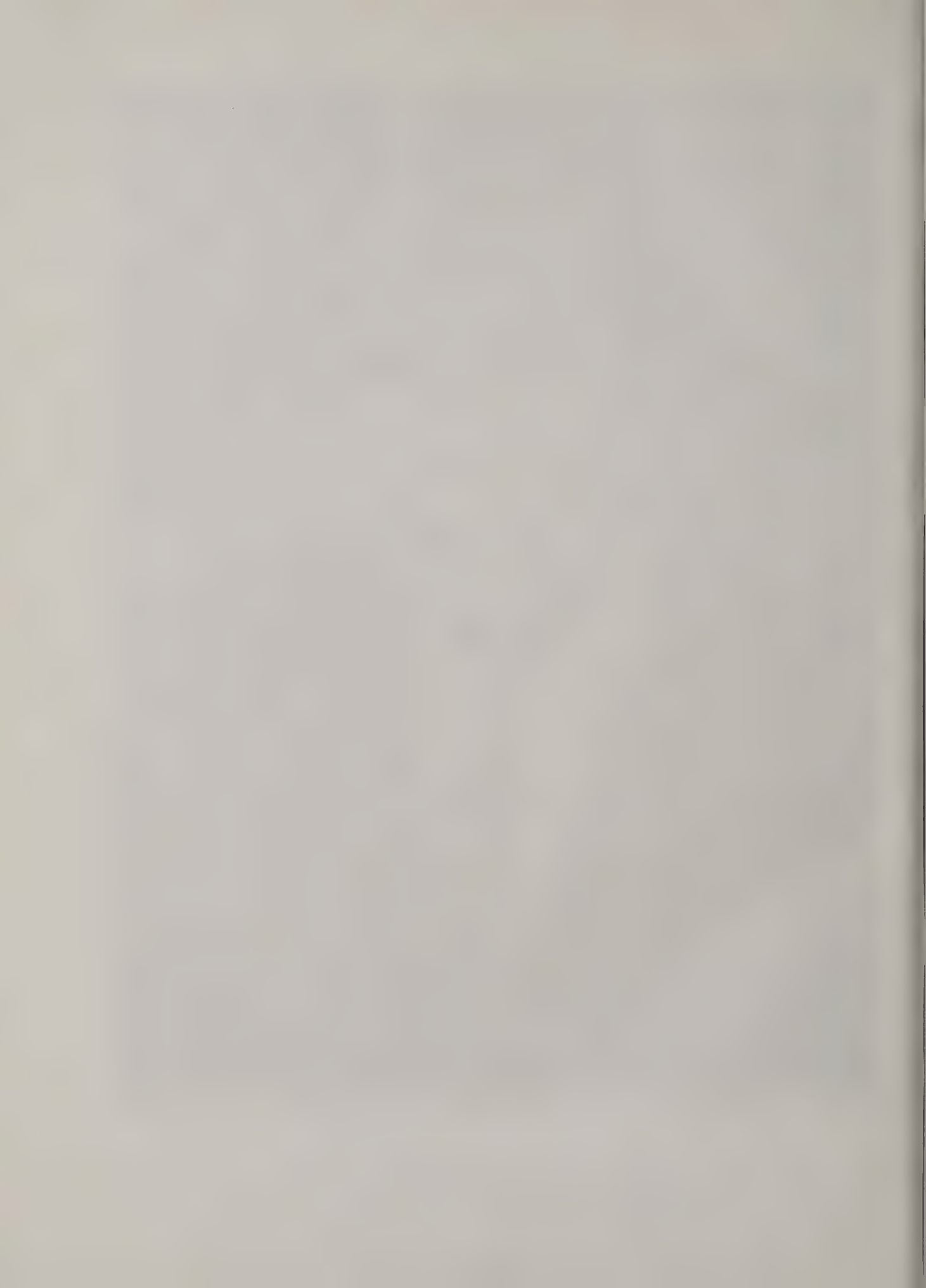
Mr. Boggs is a native of Norfolk, Virginia, born April 14, 1896, and is a son of Rev. William George and Lula Massenburg (Parham) Boggs. His father, a Methodist clergyman, was a member of the Virginia Conference of that church. John C. Boggs began his education in the public schools of Urbanna, Virginia, and graduated from high school there in 1913. In that year he entered Duke University, Durham, North Carolina, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1917.

Before Mr. Boggs entered upon his career in teaching, he served in the army during the period of World War I. Enlisting in the army in 1917, he was assigned to Officers Training Camp at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, and at the conclusion of his training period was commissioned a second lieutenant. He was assigned to the First Division to serve with the American Expeditionary Force, and during his period overseas was promoted to the rank of first lieutenant. He engaged in the campaigns of Cantigny, the second battle of the Marne, and Soissons. Wounded in action, he received the Purple Heart and the Distinguished Service Cross. He received his honorable discharge in December, 1918. Mr. Boggs has had military experience subsequent to that time. For seven years, 1920-1927, he served with the rank of captain in the Virginia National Guard.

Mr. Bogg's first teaching appointment came in 1919, when he joined the faculty of Ashland High School, Ashland, Virginia. He was instructor at that school from February until June of that year. He next accepted an appointment as instructor at the Blackstone Military Academy, Blackstone, Virginia, and during a part of his period at that



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institution, which continued from 1919 to 1928, he also served as dean and commandant.

In 1928, Mr. Boggs became an instructor at the Randolph-Macon Academy, Bedford, Virginia, and remained there until 1933. In that year he came to Front Royal as principal of the Randolph-Macon Academy there, and has concurrently held the office of treasurer of that school.

Mr. Boggs has been active in church work as a member of the Methodist Church. He was a lay member of the Methodist Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference in 1944, and has been a member of the Methodist Commission on Army and Navy Chaplains since 1940. He has served also as a member of the General Commission on Army and Navy Chaplains. He is a member of Sigma Chi, which social fraternity he joined as an undergraduate, and he is affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. He is a Rotarian, and past president of the Rotary Club in Front Royal. In his politics, Mr. Boggs is a Democrat.

At Blackstone, Virginia, June 14, 1924, John C. Boggs married Mattie Walton Epes, of that place. Mrs. Boggs is a daughter of Charles Augustus and Mattie (Walton) Epes. Mr. and Mrs. Boggs have become the parents of two children: 1. John Campbell, Jr., born January 15, 1928, a graduate of Duke University and at present instructor at the Episcopal High School, Alexandria, Virginia. 2. Charles Epes, born July 28, 1934, who died April 1, 1935.

HARRY FLOOD BYRD, JR.—Member of that Virginia family whose name has become perhaps the best known to the present generation, Harry Flood Byrd, Jr., has distinguished himself as a newspaper publisher, as orchardist, and as a member of the Senate of the state of Virginia. Mr. Byrd makes his home in Winchester, and is identified with the "Evening Star" of that city, and with the Harrisonburg "Daily News-Record".

He is a son of Harry Flood and Anne Douglas (Beverly) Byrd, and a grandson of Richard Evelyn and Eleanor Bolling (Flood) Byrd. An uncle, also named Richard Evelyn Byrd, is a retired naval officer, nationally famous as an explorer and aviator, and for his expeditions to both poles. The elder Harry Flood Byrd is United States Senator from Virginia, and has held his seat since 1933. He is a former governor of the state of Virginia, and was endorsed by the state for the presidency of the United States in 1932. Senator Byrd, like his son, has been largely interested in

apple and peach culture, and in newspaper publishing, his name having been long associated with the two newspapers previously mentioned. He married Anne Douglas Beverley of Winchester on October 7, 1913, and Harry Flood, Jr., their eldest child, was born at Winchester, December 20, 1914.

On completing his preliminary education locally, Harry Flood Byrd, Jr., entered Virginia Military Institute, after which he completed courses at the University of Virginia. Since his graduation he has been editor of the Winchester "Evening Star" and publisher of the Harrisonburg "Daily News-Record". He is in addition an orchardist, specializing in the production of apples, and is secretary of the firm of H. F. Byrd, Inc. Mr. Byrd is also a director of the Shenandoah Valley National Bank and of The Associated Press.

Recently elected a member of the Virginia Senate, Mr. Byrd has proved that he possesses an equal aptitude for public life, and has conscientiously served his constituents.

Mr. Byrd had an excellent record of service during World War II. In that conflict, he held the rank of lieutenant commander, United States Naval Reserve, and has to his credit three campaigns in the Pacific.

He is a member and past president of the Rotary Club, and is fraternally affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He belongs also to Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalism fraternity. In his religious faith, Mr. Byrd is an Episcopalian.

At Winchester, Virginia, August 9, 1941, Harry Flood Byrd, Jr., married Gretchen Bigelow Thomson, daughter of Paul Jones and Gretchen (Bigelow) Thompson. Mr. and Mrs. Byrd are the parents of three children: 1. Harry Flood, III, born July 16, 1942. 2. Thomas Thomson, born March 5, 1946. 3. Beverley Bigelow, born April 5, 1949. The family resides on Tennyson Avenue in Winchester.

HON. FLORIDUS S. CROSBY—As a professional and community leader, the Hon. Floridus S. Crosby holds a position of prominence in Staunton affairs. He has held a number of public posts, including that of judge of the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit of Virginia, an office that has been his since 1942.

Judge Crosby was born January 15, 1893, in Staunton, Virginia, son of John and Janet (Burnett) Crosby and member of an old family. His

father was auditor-statistician for thirty years of the Virginia State Board of Education. He was a native of Augusta County, this state, and also served in numerous public offices, including that of president of the Staunton Common Council. He was father of the City Manager Plan of Government initiated here in 1908 and deputy clerk of the Circuit Court of Augusta County. He and his wife were the parents of two children: 1. Floridus S., of further mention. 2. Dr. Ralph B., a dentist in Staunton until his death, November 12, 1936.

Floridus S. Crosby attended Staunton schools through the first year of high school, then entered Staunton Military Academy in 1908 and graduated in 1911. He graduated from Dunsmore Business College in 1912, and from early 1913 until the autumn of 1914—eighteen months in all—was attached to the auditor's office of the Life Insurance Company of Virginia. It was after that experience in insurance work that Mr. Crosby became a student at the Law School of the University of Virginia, where he received the Bachelor of Laws degree in 1917. He was secretary-treasurer of the class of 1917. At the university he also became a member of the Chi Phi Fraternity, Phi Delta Phi (Law), of T. I. L. K. A., The Raven Society and the Jefferson Literary Society. Immediately upon completing his law course, he became associated with the firm of Mumford, Hunton, Williams and Anderson, in Richmond, and proceeded to engage actively in his professional practice.

After returning to Staunton in January, 1919, he was intensely active in public affairs and in the whole broad life of his community and district. In November, 1922, he became Commonwealth Attorney for the City of Staunton, serving until February 1, 1928. He was trust officer of the National Valley Bank from May, 1927, to February 1, 1937. On January 18, that year, he was appointed judge of the Corporation Court by Governor George C. Peery and thereafter elected by the General Assembly, serving in that capacity for five years, until he was elected judge of the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit for the unexpired term of his predecessor commencing on February 1, 1942. He continues in this post down to the time of writing, and has earned the admiration which others have accorded him for his dignity, fairness and impartiality on the bench.

Along with his judicial work, Judge Crosby takes a deep interest in community affairs in Staunton. He is a trustee of the Woodrow Wilson Birthplace Foundation Inc. He also is a trustee of

Stuart Hall, a college preparatory school for girls. Active for years in the Episcopal Church, he is one of the trustees of the Funds for the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia. He was senior warden for two terms and vestryman for twenty-five years of his own parish (Trinity Protestant Episcopal Church) in Staunton. On the professional side, he is a member of the Committee of Judges to fix salaries for trial justices, and he formerly served as a member of the Judicial Council of Virginia, the American Bar Association and the Virginia State Bar Association. In the State Bar Association he is an honorary member of the group as a whole and was chairman of its judicial section. From 1945 to 1948 Judge Crosby was a member of the board of managers of the Alumni Association of the University of Virginia. He was at one time president of the Kiwanis Club. In the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons he was formerly master of Lodge No. 13 and a member of the Royal Arch chapter.

Judge Floridus S. Crosby married, June 3, 1925, Martha Virginia Bell, of Staunton, daughter of Henderson M. and Mary Waddel Bell, whose families are among the oldest and most prominent in this part of Virginia.

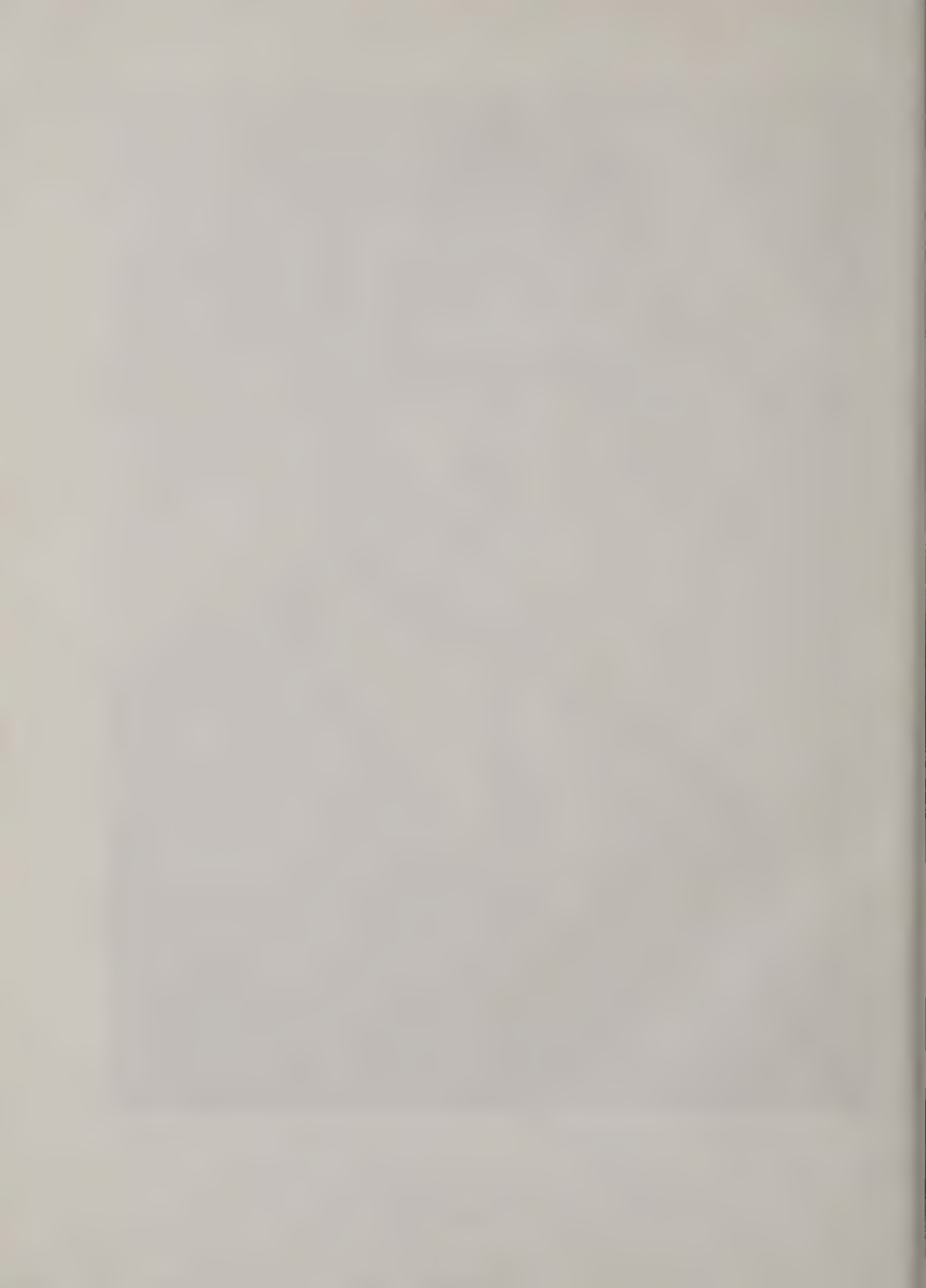
ROBERT H. SMITH—Heading one of the railroads of the most vital commercial importance in the Shenandoah Valley, Robert H. Smith has in recent years occupied the office of president and director of the Norfolk and Western Railway, with headquarters in Roanoke, Virginia. Mr. Smith has followed railroading throughout his career, and has advanced from chainman to president, with the same railway company.

Mr. Smith is a native of Baltimore, Maryland, where he was born March 10, 1888, son of Robert H. and Margaret B. (Clark) Smith. He received his preliminary education at a high school in Fort Collins, Colorado, and Tome School, Port Deposit, Maryland, graduating in 1907, and continued at Princeton University, where in 1911 he received the degree of Civil Engineer.

His experience in railroad service had begun the previous summer, when he was chainman with the engineering department of the Norfolk and Western Railway; and his subsequent career has been entirely in association with that company. His continuous connection began in 1911, in the capacity of masonry inspector and transitman; and he continued to use his civil engineering training in his subsequent steady advancement. He be-



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came assistant roadmaster in 1913; was roadmaster at Pulaski, Virginia, from 1914 to 1916; became roadmaster at Roanoke in the latter year; and in 1917 was appointed assistant division superintendent at Bluefield, West Virginia. From 1919 to 1922, Mr. Smith was assistant division superintendent at Roanoke. In 1922 he became division superintendent, serving in that capacity until 1931, when he was made general superintendent. Mr. Smith became general manager of the Norfolk and Western Railway in 1936; and assumed the responsibilities of vice-president, as well as general manager, three years later. In 1946, Mr. Smith was made president of the railroad, and has held that office since, being also a member of the board of directors. He is also president of the Virginia Holding Corporation, and the Pocahontas Land Corporation.

Mr. Smith holds official connection with other railroads. He is on the board of directors of the Norfolk Terminal Railway Company, and the Winston-Salem Southbound Railway Company. Other directorships include the Fruit Growers Express Company, the First National Exchange Bank of Roanoke, and the Mutual Fire, Marine and Inland Insurance Company. He is vitally interested in the cause of good education, and is a trustee of Hollins College in Virginia. Mr. Smith is a Phi Beta Kappa. He is a member of the Shenandoah Club, the Roanoke Country Club, and the Rotary Club of Roanoke. In religious faith he is an Episcopalian.

On November 9, 1916, Robert H. Smith married Mary Elizabeth Wysor. They are the parents of five children: 1. Robert H., Jr. 2. Joe W. 3. May Gardner. 4. Margaret Donnell. 5. Jane Stuart. The family resides at 1011 Franklin Road in Roanoke.

DR. HOWARD JOHNSTON BENCHOFF—

Since 1905, Howard Johnston Benchoff, A.B., A.M., Pd.D., has been headmaster of Massanutten Academy in Woodstock, Virginia. Not only has Dr. Benchoff exerted a decisive influence in education in the Shenandoah Valley, and ably guided the youth entrusted to his care, but he has also, through the years, taken a constructive part in community affairs, been a leader in religious work, and has in other ways been an example of a career profitably invested.

Dr. Benchoff was born in Rouzerville, Franklin County, Pennsylvania, July 15, 1876, and is a son of Loudon Francis and Martha Belle (Johnston) Benchoff. His father, who was born in 1851, en-

gaged in teaching in the public schools for over forty years, and became superintendent of the schools of Franklin County, Pennsylvania. Elected to the state legislature for two terms, he represented his county for a total of six years. He married Martha Belle Johnston, who was born in 1854.

Their son, Howard Johnston Benchoff, began his education in the local schools, then entered Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1898. This college, in 1920, conferred on him the honorary degree of Doctor of Pedagogy. After graduation from Franklin and Marshall, he continued his studies at Columbia University in New York City, where he received the degree of Master of Arts in 1904. Concurrently, during the years of these postgraduate studies, Dr. Benchoff had begun his teaching career, first becoming vice-principal (1898-1900) of the high school at Chambersburg, Pennsylvania and principal (1900-1903), and later superintendent of schools at Breckenridge, Colorado (1904-05).

Dr. Benchoff became headmaster of Massanutten Academy in 1905, and his long and uninterrupted period of service at that institution has been beneficial to the community at large, and to the youth who have come under his influence, as well as rewarding to himself.

He has in the meantime participated fully in the varied activities of Woodstock and the surrounding area—in business affairs, programs of civic betterment and welfare activities, and the work of his church. He was president of Shenandoah Valley, Inc., from 1924 to 1933. He was also associated with the Regional Board of Trade, covering thirteen counties in Virginia and two in West Virginia—the organization which sponsored the Shenandoah National Park, being the first to give its support to that project. It also sponsored the widening of what is now United States Route 11 from forty to eighty feet, through continually influencing the State Highway Commission. Dr. Benchoff was president of the Shenandoah National Park Association during 1925 and until that work was taken over by the State of Virginia. He directed the campaign which raised over one million dollars for the purchase of the first one hundred and eighty-six thousand acres of this area. After the Shenandoah National Park Association had raised \$1,123,000, Mr. Rockefeller contributed several hundred thousand dollars, Edsel Ford fifty thousand, and other well-known philanthropists, proportionate amounts. The Association then

turned its land acquisition over to the Federal Government, which undertook the development of the famous Skyline Drive as the outstanding and unifying feature of this extensive parkland.

It was Dr. Benchoff also who founded in Woodstock its first Rotary Club, an organization which is, at the time of writing, in its twenty-fifth year of profitable activity. He was its president for the first two years of its existence, and was a delegate to the International Conventions at Cleveland, Ohio, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and Denver, Colorado. Dr. Benchoff, in distinguishing himself no less as a man of practical affairs than as an educator, has also directed programs which have given his community a better water supply, a superior hotel, and other civic advantages. His loyal work in religious channels has been connected with his membership in the Evangelical and Reformed Church, which he has served, among other capacities, as delegate to the synod. This congregation was originally a part of the Reformed Church in the United States, and it is considering plans to unite with the Congregational denomination, the new designation to be the United Church of Christ.

Dr. Benchoff is a member of the Blue Lodge of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, as well as continuing his membership in the Rotary.

Dr. Howard Johnston Benchoff has been twice married. He married, first, at Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, on August 17, 1904, Kathryn H. Mahon, daughter of John and Ann (Heckman) Mahon. She died in 1918. By Kathryn H. (Mahon) Benchoff, he became the father of all his five children: 1. Howard Francis, born September 25, 1905, died September 27 the same year. 2. Rosalie Keith, born September 13, 1906. 3. Robert Johnston, who was born February 8, 1909. 4. Kathryn Mahon, born May 26, 1913, died in 1917. 5. Josephine Harbaugh, born January 3, 1916, died in 1938. Dr. Benchoff married, second, at Newton, New Jersey, September 14, 1919, Florence N. Conant. Mrs. Benchoff is the daughter of Theodore Emerson and Ann (Arnold) Conant. Dr. and Mrs. Benchoff make their home at Woodstock.

JAMES KIRK RING—Chief figure in the management of the important Roanoke City Mills is James Kirk Ring who, since 1941, has held the office of executive vice-president. The mills were established by his father, Joshua W. Ring. The founder continues his connection with the company as president, but of recent years most of the responsibility for their management has fallen

onto the shoulders of the son. For this charge he is well prepared. He has been associated with the mills for over thirty years; and the quality of his practical judgment and business ability is indicated by the number of other official positions he holds in the commercial life of his city.

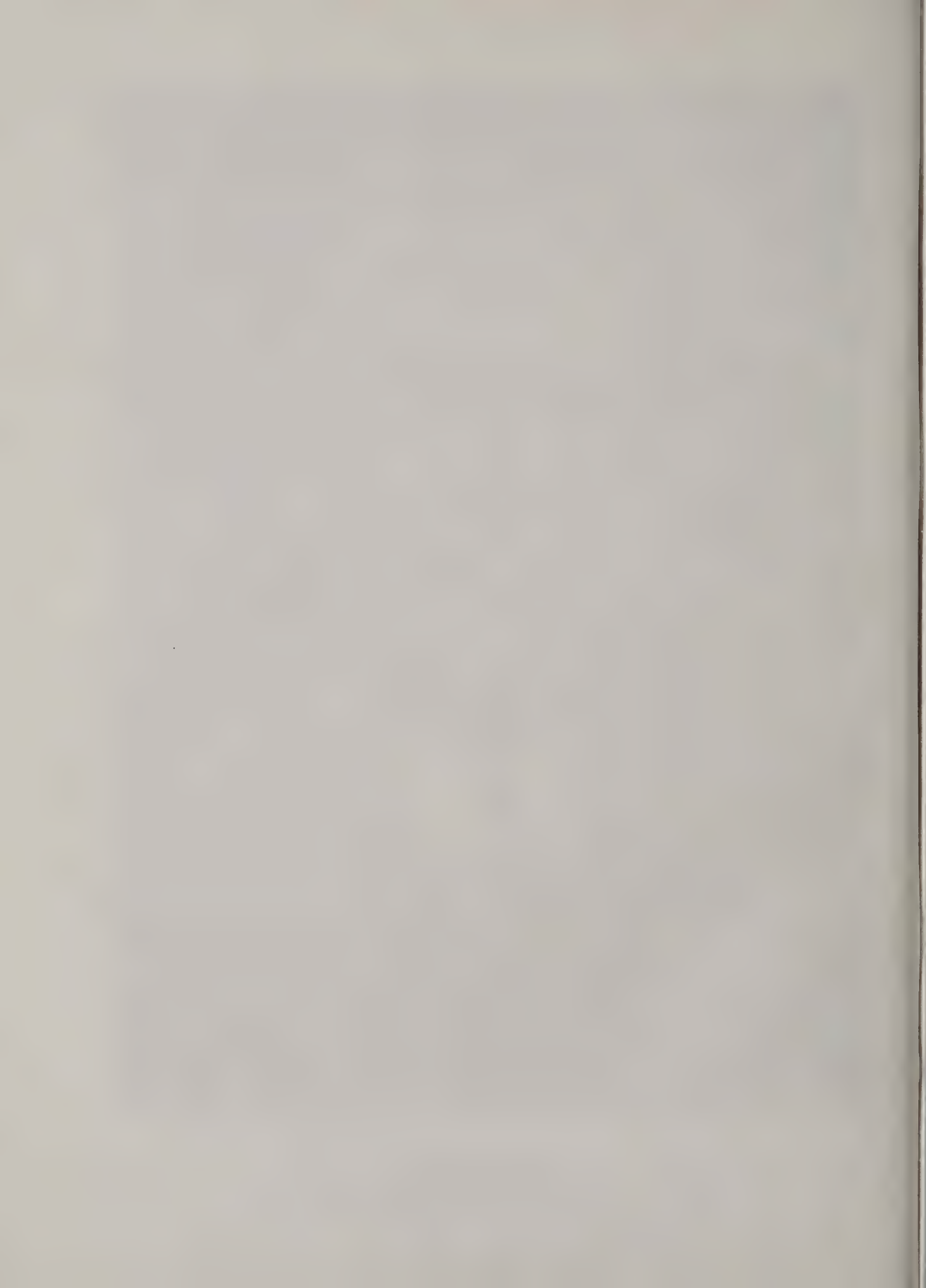
Born in Pulaski, Virginia, October 3, 1895, James Kirk Ring is a son of Joshua W. and Virginia Elizabeth (McNew) Ring. His father is a native of Grayson County, and was born September 21, 1873, while his mother was born on September 20, 1874, near Saltville, Virginia. The public schools of Pulaski and Bristol in his home state afforded James Kirk Ring his early education, and he attended Johnson City High School, Johnson City, Tennessee, then entering the famous Virginia Military Institute, from which he graduated in the class of 1917.

He became associated with his father, Joshua W. Ring, in the management of the Roanoke City Mills, in 1919, after World War I service in officers training at Fort Oglethorpe. His first position with the company was that of treasurer. He became executive vice-president in 1941. The company, which manufactures flour, meal, and prepared poultry and stock feeds, gives employment to one hundred and seventy-five people. In addition to Joshua W. Ring, president, and James Kirk Ring, executive vice-president, the officers are M. F. Ring, vice-president; H. O. Horton, vice-president and director of sales; H. W. Hobson, secretary and treasurer; and Mrs. Gladys R. Langhammer (daughter of Joshua W. Ring), assistant secretary and treasurer. James Kirk Ring is also a director of the Roanoke City Mills.

Among the other official positions he holds are the directorship of the Mountain Trust Bank of Roanoke, and the vice-presidency and directorship of Radio Roanoke, Inc., a broadcasting company. He is a member of the advisory council on Virginia economy. He is a member of the Roanoke Chamber of Commerce, the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce, the Millers' National Federation, The National Soft Wheat Millers Association, and he is a charter member of the Kiwanis Club of Roanoke. He belongs also to the Rappahannock River Yacht Club, Roanoke Country Club, the Shenandoah Club, and the Chesapeake Club. Fraternally, Mr. Ring is affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, has advanced through all the degrees of the York Rite, and is a member of the Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a Methodist in his religious faith, and one of the



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stewards of his church. In his political views, Mr. Ring is an independent.

At Charlestown, West Virginia, October 19, 1929, James Kirk Ring married Margie Davis, a native of Roanoke and daughter of Edgar D. and Melissa (Watts) Davis. Mr. and Mrs. Ring are the parents of a son, James Kirk, Jr., who was born in Roanoke, April 6, 1938, and who is now attending Roanoke public schools.

CARL H. TABOR—One of the influential men in the railroading field in Roanoke is Carl H. Tabor, who is vice-president and general manager of the Norfolk and Western Railway in that city. He has had long experience with the Norfolk and Western, dating from the earliest years of his career.

Born September 30, 1893, in Baptist Valley, Virginia, Mr. Tabor is a son of Hugh B. and Rosa B. (Harrison) Tabor. After completing his education in the grade and high schools of Graham, Virginia, Mr. Tabor began his career in railroading by becoming water boy with the maintenance of way department of the Pocahontas Division, Norfolk and Western Railway in 1907. He was again employed as water boy the next summer. Mr. Tabor's period of service with the railroad began in earnest in 1909, and with the exception of the period of World War I, he has been with Norfolk and Western ever since, serving the company loyally, and meriting his steady advancement. He was a laborer from May until September, 1909, in the maintenance of way department of the Pocahontas Division; and from September, 1909, to January, 1912, was timekeeper. From that time until 1917, he was yard clerk at Wilcoe and Bluefield, West Virginia.

He entered military service in 1917, enlisting in the 315th Field Artillery, 80th Division, September 5, and being commissioned a second lieutenant, Field Artillery, on October 31 of the next year, 1918. He was discharged from the military service July 11, 1919; was commissioned a first lieutenant in the Field Artillery Reserves; subsequently became a captain and major in the Reserves; and resigned October 1, 1937.

In the meantime, having returned with the Norfolk and Western Railway after his period of wartime service, Mr. Tabor became assistant yardmaster at Wilcoe, from July 10, 1919, until December, 1922. From that time until February, 1925, he was yardmaster at Iaeger, West Virginia. From February, 1925, until October, 1927, he was gen-

eral yardmaster at Wilcoe, then until September, 1933, served as assistant trainmaster at Bluefield, West Virginia. He was terminal trainmaster at Bluefield until October, 1934, when he became trainmaster of the Pocahontas Division; and on December 1, 1936, was named trainmaster of the Scioto Division. From December, 1936, through July, 1938, Mr. Tabor was superintendent of the Pocahontas Division; and until June 1, 1939, superintendent of the Scioto Division. He was made assistant general superintendent of the Western General Division at Bluefield, West Virginia, on June 1, 1939, and served until April, 1940, when he was made general superintendent of the same division at Bluefield. January 1, 1942, Mr. Tabor was transferred to the main offices of the railroad in Roanoke as general manager and was made vice-president and general manager in May, 1946.

Mr. Tabor is a Democrat in his politics, and attends the Methodist Church. He is a Mason and Shriner. He is a member of the Shenandoah Country Club, the Rotary at Roanoke, the Metropolitan Club of New York, and the Camp Creek Hunting and Trout Club. He is a director of the American Enka Corporation, Cincinnati Union Terminal and Durham Union Station Company.

On March 17, 1920, Carl H. Tabor married Una Lee Welsh.

COLONEL CHARLES S. ROLLER, JR.—The story of Colonel Charles S. Roller, Jr., owner and operator of Augusta Military Academy, Fort Defiance, Virginia, would be that of a member of a family identified with education in the State since the War Between the States, and of the fine school that has served many students exceptionally well for nearly a century. The present head is the son of Professor Charles S. Roller, Sr., grandson of Jacob C. Roller, and the great-grandson of John M. Roller, all Virginians who played well their allotted parts in the life and affairs of the South over a long period.

Professor Roller, Sr., was born at Fort Defiance, Virginia, on May 8, 1839. He attended the Jed Hotchkiss School and Augusta Academy, in old Stone Church, Virginia, in preparation for higher education. Matriculating at the University of Virginia, he received the Master of Arts degree with the class of 1861. Immediately he joined Company E, of the First Virginia Cavalry, and before the end of the internecine warfare had served on the military staff of General Fitzhugh Lee of glorious memory. At the end of the conflict with a career to launch, he took over

Augusta Academy, changing its name to the Augusta Military Academy. Of it he continued as head and principal educator until his passing, except for four years during which he was a member of the Virginia General Assembly, and for a year as superintendent of the Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind. In these years his brother, Dr. H. Sheffy Roller, was in charge of Augusta Military Academy. From 1871 to 1873, Professor Roller, Sr., served on the Board of Visitors of the Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind in Staunton, Virginia, and likewise on the similar board of the University of Virginia.

In 1874, Professor Roller, Sr., married Rosabelle Judith Moorman, and they were the parents of four children: 1. Maggie Bell, graduate of Mary Baldwin College. 2. William C., graduate of the University of Virginia, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. 3. Thomas G., a graduate of the University of Virginia, who was co-owner and co-principal of Augusta Military Academy, from 1907 to his passing in 1947. 4. Charles S., Jr.

Colonel Charles S. Roller, Jr., a graduate from the Augusta Military Academy and the Virginia Military Institute with the degrees of Bachelor of Science and Master of Science, taught and coached football at Virginia Military Institute and Washington and Lee University in Virginia, and Furman University in South Carolina. He followed the military tradition of his family by active service with the United States Armed Forces. Enlisting in the United States Army for World War I service, he served with the 89th Division in Germany, before being separated from the Armed Forces in 1919. On April 15, 1949, he purchased the holdings of all the heirs to the Augusta Military Academy, and has since directed the work of this highly rated school at Fort Defiance, Virginia.

On September 8, 1909, Colonel Roller, Jr., married Janet Stephenson of Monterey, Virginia, and they were the parents of a son: Charles S., III, who was a graduate of Augusta Military Academy, the Virginia Military Institute, and pursued post-graduate courses at Madison College. He married Linda Todd of Staunton, and they were the parents of a daughter: Linda Moorman, who is an undergraduate at Stuart Hall at Staunton, Virginia. Lieutenant Charles S. Roller, III, lost his life in a motor accident on February 19, 1938. He was a member then of the Augusta Military Academy Faculty and of the fifth generation of the Roller family to be in this one school.

GEORGE DUNGLINSON, JR.—In varying capacities, George Dunglinson, Jr., of Roanoke, has effectively served the Norfolk and Western Railway Company, of which he is now executive vice-president. His participation in Virginia affairs has been noteworthy from many points of view, and he is widely known, respected and honored.

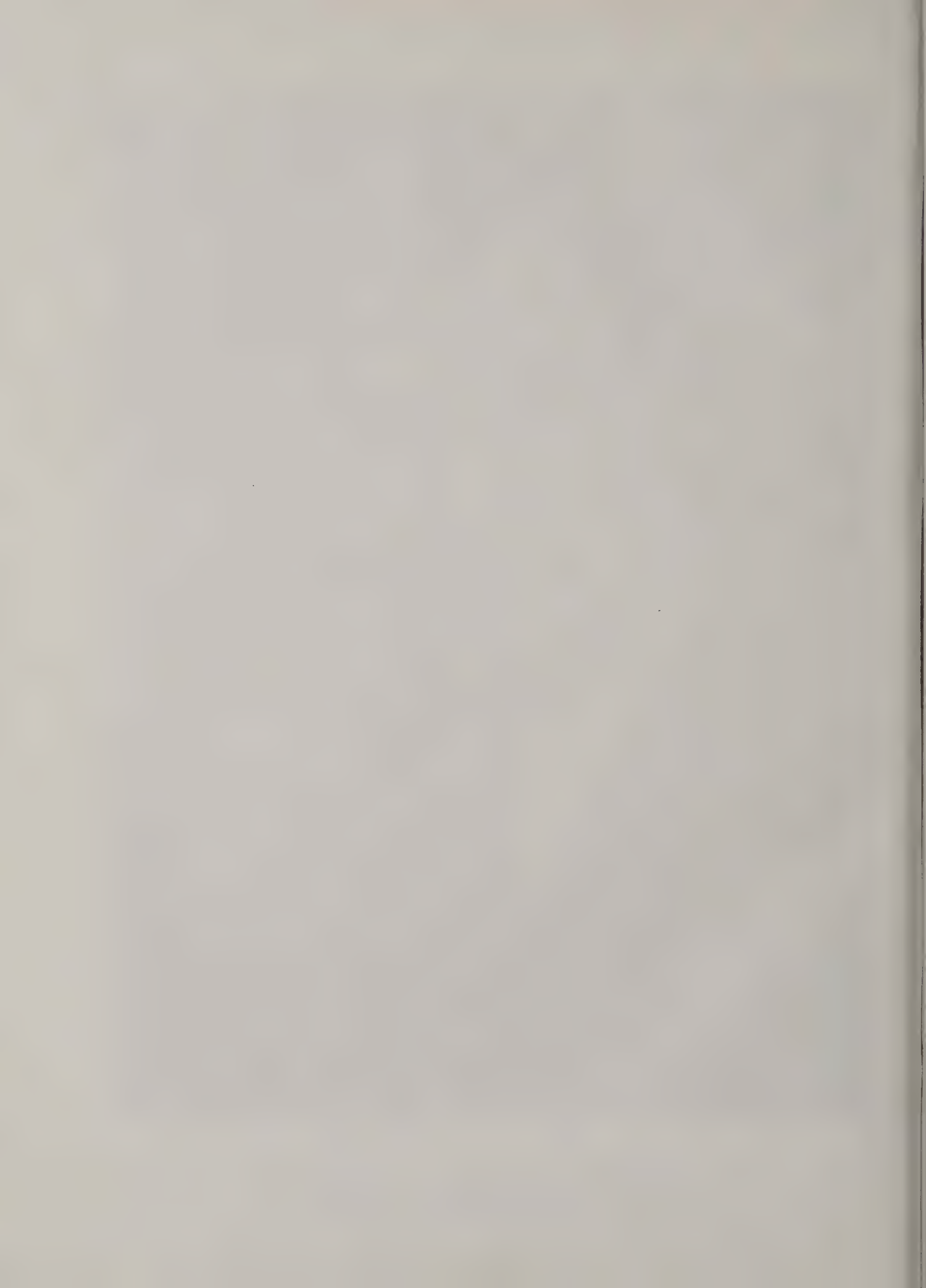
Mr. Dunglinson was born July 3, 1882, in Cockermouth, Cumberland, England, son of George and Margaret Hannah (Huddart) Dunglinson, both natives of England. His father was for years an officer of the West Cumberland Iron and Steel Company, of Cumberland, as well as an official of other companies.

George Dunglinson, Jr., was seven years of age when his family came to the United States to take up their residence in 1889. He attended public schools in Talladega, Alabama, as well as a private school there, then entered Alabama Polytechnic Institute, where he was graduated as a Bachelor of Science in 1904. He began his active career as a mining engineer in Goodwill, West Virginia, in that year, and subsequently was similarly engaged in Bramwell, that state. So continuing until 1908, Mr. Dunglinson then started his work as a member of the car allotment commission of the Norfolk and Western Railway Company, in Bluefield, afterward becoming chairman of that body and so serving until 1917. From 1917 to 1920 he was assistant to the general manager. Then, from 1920 to 1936, he was manager of the fuel department. In 1936 he was made assistant vice-president of the company and stationed at Roanoke. In 1938 he was appointed vice-president in charge of traffic, a post in which he served for a decade until he was chosen to be executive vice-president in 1948.

His work with the Norfolk and Western system has been extensive and valuable to the company. He has not, however, confined his activities to this one organization. He is a director of the First National Exchange Bank, of Roanoke; Bailey Lumber Company, of Bluefield; the Meem-Haskins Coal Corporation of Lynchburg, Virginia; the Cole Realty Company of Bluefield, West Virginia; the City Building Company of Bluefield; and The Macdunroy Corporation, of Bluefield. He holds a similar position with the Kentucky Cardinal Coal Corporation, of Cardinal, Kentucky. Social and civic affairs have enlisted his interest from an early period. He is a Democrat in politics, a member of the Roanoke Chamber of Commerce and a director of the West Virginia State Chamber of Commerce. He is an active worker in the



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Roanoke Rotary Club. He belongs to the Shenandoah Club, the Roanoke Country Club and the Episcopal Church.

George Dunglinson married, October 17, 1911, Marie Boyd, of Selma, Alabama, daughter of William G. and Sallie (Tarver) Boyd, both natives of Alabama. The Dunglinsons became the parents of a daughter, Mary Dunglinson, who was born in Bluefield, West Virginia. She married Frank K. Day, Jr., of Roanoke, and is the mother of their daughter, Mary Boyd Day, who was also born in Bluefield.

BENJAMIN LEE KAGEY, of Lexington, Virginia, holds the office of president of the Peoples National Bank of Lexington, Virginia, and executive vice-president of the Bank of Glasgow. Mr. Kagey has performed valuable civic service, and is an active fraternalist.

Born June 30, 1893, Mr. Kagey is a son of Noah I. and Cora A. (Crickenberger) Kagey. His father was a banker in Weyers Cave, Virginia, where B. Lee Kagey was born and where he received his early education. An uncle, J. W. Kagey, served in Stonewall Jackson's Brigade, under General Chew, during the War Between the States.

After graduation from Weyers Cave High School in 1911, Mr. Kagey entered Roanoke College, where in 1918 he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He trained at the University of Texas for the United States Air Service in 1918, being a cadet there until his discharge from the service in November of that year.

In March, 1919, Mr. Kagey entered the banking field, accepting a position as assistant cashier in the bank at New Hope, Virginia. He remained there until 1921, when he went with the Farmers and Merchants Bank at Staunton, also as assistant cashier. In June, 1925, Mr. Kagey identified himself with the Peoples National Bank in Lexington, in the capacity of cashier. In 1939, he was made executive vice-president, and was appointed president in December, 1949. Mr. Kagey is also director and executive vice-president of the Bank of Glasgow, Inc., which position he has held since 1944. His manifest ability has resulted in his steady advancement in the banking field, and his counsel is highly valued among its leaders.

During World War II, Mr. Kagey was war bond chairman for Rockbridge County, and he has also been chairman of the Rockbridge County Chapter of the American Red Cross, as well as

the general chairman of the Building Fund Campaign Organization of the Stonewall Jackson Hospital. He is a Democrat in his politics, and attends the Presbyterian Church, where he has served as an elder since 1936, and is assistant superintendent of the Sunday school.

Fraternally, he is a member of the Blue Lodge of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and Past Master of Lodge No. 44 in Lexington. He belongs also to the Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons, and the Knights of Pythias. Locally, Mr. Kagey is a member of an organization known cryptically as "That Club," whose membership is comprised largely of members of the faculty of Washington and Lee University and Virginia Military Institute, together with a few who are not educators.

At Newcastle, Virginia, August 6, 1925, B. Lee Kagey married Bernice D. Eans, daughter of O. W. and Virginia S. (Sixeas) Eans. Mr. and Mrs. Kagey are the parents of a daughter, born October 28, 1928, now Mrs. Evelyn L. Lee. The Kagey home is at Overbrook, Lexington.

SYDNEY FRENCH SMALL — Holding high executive office in the Norfolk and Western Railway, Sydney French Small has exercised a position of commercial and civic leadership in Roanoke. He is not only an official in a number of local enterprises, but he has served his community as mayor. Mr. Small has been vice-president of the Norfolk and Western since 1935.

Born in Norfolk, Virginia, October 31, 1893, Sydney French Small is a son of John French and Eliza Hackley (Bates) Small. His father was a shoe merchant, conducting a profitable business in Norfolk. The son attended Norfolk Academy from 1907 to 1910; and shortly afterwards entered the employ of the Norfolk and Western Railway.

His period of service with that organization dates from September 16, 1911, when he entered its employ as clerk and stenographer in the operating department. Mr. Small was made secretary to the general manager in 1913, and from 1920 to 1924 was secretary to the vice-president in charge of operation and traffic. He served as secretary to the president of the railroad from 1924 to 1929, was assistant to the president from 1929 to 1935, and assumed the office of vice-president in charge of taxation and public relations in 1935. He has held this office since, and in

addition to the vice-presidency is assistant to the president.

Other commercial affiliations of Mr. Small are the vice-presidency of the Virginia Holding Corporation, and directorship of the following: The Jones Cold Storage Corporation; the Cavalier Hotel; the Roanoke Gas Company; and the Bank of Commerce in Norfolk. He is chairman of the Virginia Railway Association. Mr. Small was chosen by the electorate of Roanoke as mayor of the city, and served in that office from 1934 to 1938.

During World War I, Mr. Small enlisted in the Air Service, United States Army, and served with the rank of second lieutenant. In the World War II period, he was coordinator of civilian defense for the City of Roanoke.

Mr. Small is a member of the Shenandoah Club, the Roanoke Country Club, Lake Placid Club, New York, and the Commonwealth Club of Richmond. In his religious faith he is an Episcopalian.

On February 23, 1922, Sydney French Small married Nathalie Pace, daughter of Sidney W. and Virginia (Ansell) Pace. They make their home at 338 Robin Hood Road, Sherwood Forest, Roanoke; and Mr. Small's office address is 10 North Jefferson Street, Roanoke.

SAMUEL BEERY HOOVER—Residing in Harrisonburg and centering his work in this community, Samuel Beery Hoover has substantially contributed to a number of commercial and business interests in this area.

Mr. Hoover was born June 18, 1898, in Winchester, Virginia, son of Samuel Lewis and Minnie Dora (Beery) Hoover and member of an old Southern family. His father was for years engaged in farming operations, and was the founder of Winchester's first telephone company. He similarly established the first electric light company in his community. Later it came to be known as the Northern Virginia Power Company and took up its quarters in Winchester. He became president of the Wetsel Seed Company, Inc., and a director of the National Bank of Harrisonburg, so continuing until his death, May 25, 1921.

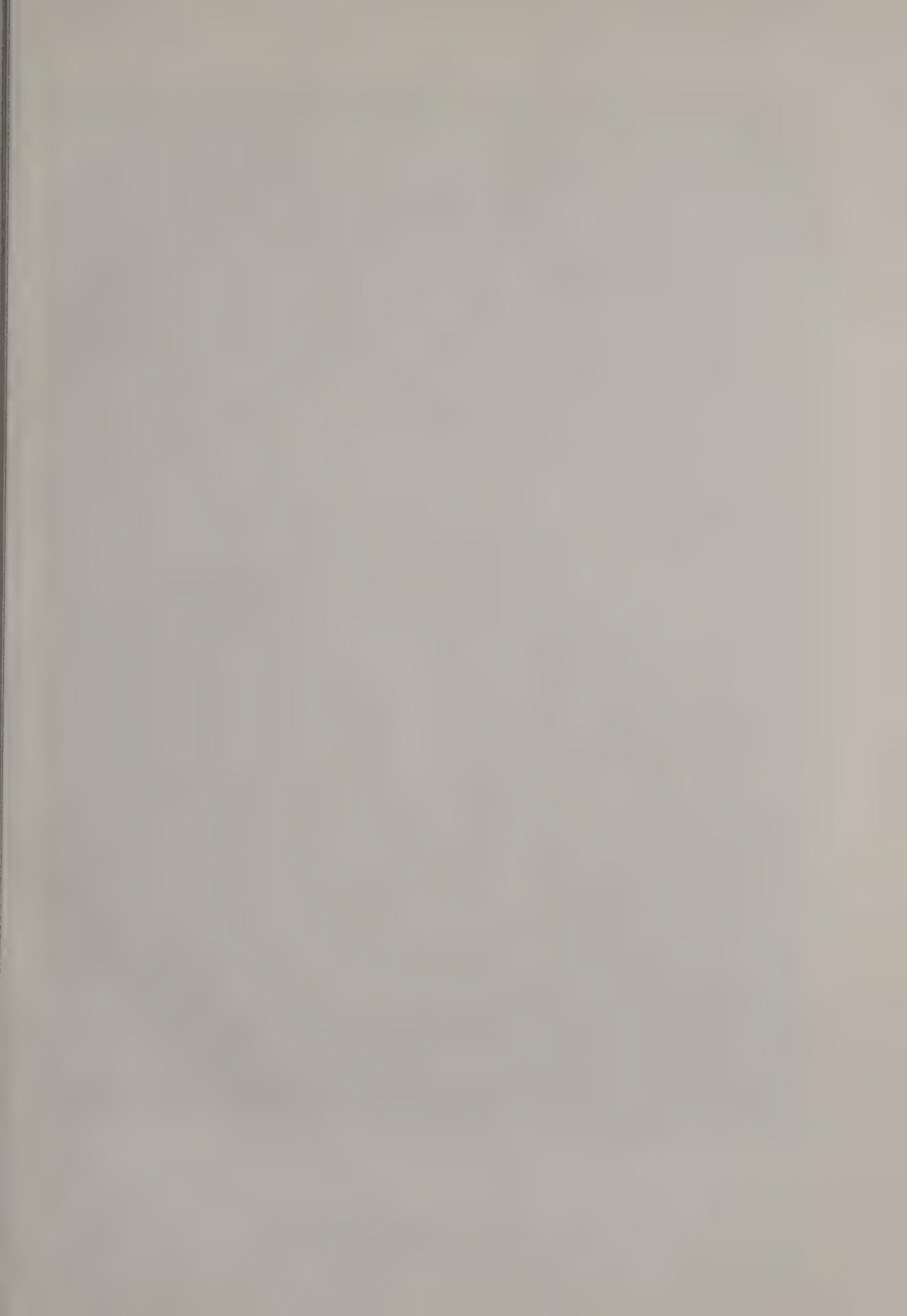
In Winchester, his birthplace, Samuel Beery Hoover attended a private school conducted by Henrietta Price. Moving to Harrisonburg with his family in 1908, he studied in public schools here, continuing through the high school grades and being graduated in 1916. He was later a student at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and the

University of Virginia, and had a special accountancy course at Pace Institute, New York City. He received his certificate as a certified public accountant in Virginia in 1927. As early as 1920 he had become assistant manager of the Hyde County Land and Lumber Company, in Swan Quarter, North Carolina. He also managed his father's farm near Timberville, in Rockingham County, Virginia. He first became interested in accounting about 1925, accepting employment with J. H. Wren and Company of Norfolk, Virginia, and subsequently serving them in the territory around Bluefield, West Virginia.

At the time of writing Mr. Hoover is head of his own accounting firm, S. B. Hoover and Company, in Harrisonburg. He also serves as secretary of the Wetsel Seed Company, Inc., in this same community. Among his other undertakings, Mr. Hoover owns a farm near Timberville, as well as the "Fort Egypt Farm" in Page County, Virginia. In the "Fort Egypt" property is included the fine old homestead, in which still stands the original "fort" cellar, constructed in 1720. Mr. Hoover's agricultural activities include the cultivation of grain and the raising of live stock. The Timberville property also has extensive apple orchards. Among Mr. Hoover's precious possessions is the original deed to the Page County Farm, deeding the parcel from Lord Fairfax to the first occupant.

Civic activities have taken up much of Mr. Hoover's time and attention. He is president of the Harrisonburg Community Council and a member of the board of trustees of the Page-Rockingham Public Library. He is past president of the Harrisonburg Rotary Club, and has a twenty-year attendance pin in the organization, awarded him for never having missed a meeting. He belongs also to the American Institute of Accountants, and is an ex-director of the Virginia Society of Public Accountants. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Samuel Beery Hoover married January 25, 1923, at the University of Virginia Chapel, Charlottesville, Virginia, Mary Lucy Strickler, born in Page County, Virginia, daughter of Reuben Thomas and Litha Jane (Cornwell) Strickler. Her father was for years an elder in the Page County Primitive Baptist Church. Mr. and Mrs. Hoover became the parents of two children: 1. Janice Marylyn, now Mrs. Eric T. Naschold, Jr., born February 22, 1925, and living at Columbia, South Carolina. 2. James Beery, born October 16, 1934.





J. L. Witz

JULIUS L. WITZ—As banker, manufacturer and civic leader, the late Julius L. Witz, of Staunton, exerted a tremendous and lasting influence upon the life of that city, in its commercial aspects and otherwise. He founded, and served as president of, two of its leading industries: the J. L. Witz Furniture Corporation, and the Basic Furniture Company. He served the municipality as mayor. He distinguished himself in the financial, political and fraternal activities of this region. The Shenandoah Valley has profited greatly by his enlightened and able leadership.

A native of Staunton, Mr. Witz was born March 8, 1878, and was a son of Isaac and Frances (Heller) Witz. Both of his parents were of Austrian birth. Isaac Witz migrated to the United States at the age of twelve years and made his home in Virginia, first at Mount Jackson, later at Staunton. In the latter city he became a merchant, and was recognized for his abilities as a business leader. He served the cause of the South during the War Between the States. The seventh born of the eight children of Isaac and Frances (Heller) Witz, Julius L. Witz was survived by two brothers and two sisters. A sister, Rose Frances, is the wife of former Secretary of State Cordell Hull, who served with distinction during the trying war-time years of the Roosevelt Administration, and whose "Memoirs" will continue to be regarded as the highest type of American political and historical writing. Another sister, Lelia A., deceased, was married to W. Woodward Cook, also of Washington, D. C. A brother, M. Henry Witz, resides in Baltimore, Maryland; and the remaining brother, Clarence I. Witz, is a resident of Mint Spring, Virginia.

After completing his preliminary education in the public schools of Staunton, Julius L. Witz entered Washington and Lee University. He later returned to Staunton, succeeding his father in the management of Fulton-Witz and Company. This firm engaged in the manufacture of overalls, and from modest beginnings grew to be a leading industrial plant of the Shenandoah Valley. A co-founder and leader in the management of this firm, Julius L. Witz had much to do with its development into a foremost overall factory of the South. The plant was subsequently acquired and operated by the Staunton Manufacturing Company.

In addition to this overall manufacturing plant, which represented one of Staunton's first large manufacturing interests, Mr. Witz later turned his attention to the management and development

of the first plant of the Basic Furniture Company at Waynesboro, Virginia. Of this organization he became president. Like his previous enterprise, the furniture concern expanded under his competent direction, and in 1920 a second plant, which had formerly been the Putnam Organ Factory, was acquired at Staunton, Virginia, and converted into Plant No. 2. The third and largest of the plants of the Basic Furniture Company was built in 1925-1926; and the business, which had continued to grow, was reorganized at this time. This newest plant achieved independent identity as the J. L. Witz Furniture Corporation, and was indeed, as it has been called, "the brain-child of Julius L. Witz." It had the capacity of the two former plants, and before the depression of the early 1930s, these companies were considered the largest exclusive manufacturers of dining room furniture. During those difficult years, however, it was necessary to diversify the output, adaptability being necessary to survival. It entered into the production of bedroom furniture as well. Mr. Witz expanded the Basic Furniture Company, and became its president, as well as the president of the J. L. Witz Furniture Corporation of Staunton. These factories became recognized as the largest of their kind in the Shenandoah Valley.

It was not surprising that a man of Mr. Witz's proven practical abilities should be sought out in connection with other industrial enterprises, and banking organizations. He succeeded his father as a partner of the White Star and Augusta Roller Mills; and became vice-president of the Augusta National Bank. He was also president and director of the Stonewall Jackson Hotel Corporation.

Mr. Witz was a Democrat in his politics, and maintained a lifelong interest in his party and in public affairs. He was elected mayor of Staunton for two successive terms, but resigned during his second term in 1927. Prior to that time he had been an active member of the City Council of Staunton. One of his major interests was education, and he enjoyed assisting many young men through college, always extending these evidences of generosity in a quiet and unostentatious way. Mr. Witz was a director of the Virginia Public Service Company. He was affiliated with the Staunton Lodge of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, was an active member of the Staunton Rotary Club, and held memberships in the Beverly Club and other clubs. He was a communicant of the Emmanuel Protestant Episcopal Church.

Finding his favorite recreation in healthful outdoor activity, Mr. Witz greatly enjoyed the hours

spent at his home, "Merrifield," located as it is in rural terrain. He had there many fine thoroughbreds, which he sold as yearlings at the annual sales at Saratoga, New York, center of one of the greatest gatherings of the racing fraternity. In this activity, he was associated with Willis Sharpe Kilmer, noted Virginia live stock breeder, who bred such notables of the turf as "Sun Beau", champion money winner of all time, "Exterminator", noted racer, and many others.

At Little Rock, Arkansas, April 18, 1900, Julius L. Witz married Irene Adams, daughter of Captain Samuel Burton and Sarah (Haney) Adams. Captain Adams was a member of a pioneer Arkansas family and was himself a native of Little Rock. He was the son of Major John D. and Catherine (Yeiser) Adams, she being a native of Danville, Kentucky. Major John D. Adams was a son of Samuel and Rebecca (May) Adams, he being the third governor of Arkansas. Captain Samuel Burton Adams was one of a company of cadets of the Virginia Military Institute who fought in the famous battle of Newmarket, Virginia, during the War Between the States. Mrs. Witz is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Augusta Garden Club, and the Episcopal Church. The following children were born to Julius L. and Irene (Adams) Witz: 1. Katherine Frances, educated at the Mary Baldwin Seminary and at Gunston Hall, Washington, D. C. She married Paul Hays of Waco, Texas, and they became the parents of two children: i. Paul Neil Hays, born April 2, 1936. ii. Marjorie Bowden, born April 22, 1938. Katherine Frances Adams (Witz) Hays died in 1945. 2. Marjorie Burton, who died in 1922, at the age of seventeen years, while a student at Mary Baldwin Seminary. 3. Sarah Dean, who received her education at Stuart Hall and at Gunston Junior College. She married E. Monroe Bonfoey, of Quincy, Illinois. They are the parents of two children: i. Katherine Adams, born April 29, 1939. ii. Edward Monroe, Jr., born March 22, 1941.

Mr. Witz died on August 4, 1936, in Staunton. His death was the occasion of deep regret, both in the circles of his business colleagues, and among the rank and file of those fellow citizens who had looked to him for leadership. The following editorial paragraphs from the Staunton "News-Leader" of August 5, 1936, summarize as well as words can do his place in the life of his community and in the esteem of its citizens:

In the death of Julius L. Witz, this community suffered a loss that will be felt personally by a

large portion of its population, and civically by all who were capable of evaluating his service to Staunton and Augusta. Mr. Witz has served his generation with unusual ability, contributing in large measure to the economic well-being of this city and county. . . .

As president of the City Council and mayor, he gave sound direction and definite purpose to the municipal government, his service in which should be a challenge to other leading men who fail to give of their time and talent to community matters.

Mr. Witz was unfailingly courteous and kindly. He befriended innumerable persons, and aided many worthy causes. He was beloved by his intimates and generally esteemed by those with whom he came in contact. His plants were free of labor troubles, because he treated labor fairly and well. His guiding hand and wise counsel will be greatly missed by those associated with him in many interests, and the community will sadly miss his service and his personality.

WILLIAM WAYT GIBBS, III—As president of the Clifton-Forge-Waynesboro Telephone Company, the late William Wayt Gibbs attained distinction among Shenandoah Valley executives, and added an exceptional record of achievement to those of previous generations of his family, who have been outstandingly identified with the development of the state of Virginia for well over a century.

Born December 16, 1878, William Wayt Gibbs, III, was a native of Staunton, Virginia, and a son of William Wayt, II, born in Charlottesville, Virginia, and Kate Arbuckle (Smith) Gibbs. The father of William, II, also named William, was born in Lynchburg, Virginia, on January 6, 1817, and died there on May 8, 1863. He was the son of William Clark Gibbs, born November 11, 1795, died February 21, 1817, who married Mary Ann Wayt. Five generations of her descendants have borne the name of Wayt. After completing his preparatory education at Staunton Military Academy, William Wayt Gibbs, III, entered Virginia Military Institute, after which he joined his parents in New York, where his father's business interest was located. This connection made necessary the removal of the family to the metropolis, where William Wayt Gibbs, III, was employed by the Welsbach Gas Mantle Company. Later, from 1909 to 1911, he was active in the automobile business in Washington, D. C.

Through a number of generations, the Gibbs family had been one of social distinction in the Shenandoah Valley area, and when, in 1904, the precarious health of Mrs. Gibbs made a change of climate necessary, the family bought the acreage,

that has since been known as Gibbs Hill, on the crest of a promontory near Staunton. In 1911, after the death of his mother and father, William Wayt Gibbs, III, moved his family to the home place, "Gibbs Hill," in Staunton, Virginia, and remained until 1915, when they moved to Pennsylvania. Ten years later, in 1925, they again returned to Virginia, and Mr. Gibbs became president of the Clifton Forge-Waynesboro Telephone Company. By the time of his death, on June 24, 1944, he had expanded his telephone interests to include three other companies, all of which were operated as a group and furnished telephone service to Waynesboro, Clifton Forge, Covington, Lexington, Buena Vista, Natural Bridge, and Raphine, and which comprised one of the state's largest groups of independent companies.

Mr. Gibbs was a familiar figure in all programs designed to promote civic welfare. He was president of the Waynesboro Hotel Corporation, chairman of the board of the Stonewall Jackson Hotel, and head of the United Service Organizations in Staunton during World War II. Intensely interested in the progress of the youth of his community, he helped establish a music course and band in the Waynesboro High School, originated a county-wide chicken raising program and annual show in Alleghany County, and was an enthusiastic backer of the Junior Band. For relaxation, he enjoyed music and chess and devoted to these avocations the same vitality and enthusiasm with which he approached all phases of life. His collection of fine operatic and symphonic records was extensive; and as a chess player he was a past president of the Virginia Chess Association. He put chess on the map in Virginia, North Carolina, and the South, and played correspondence matches, fifty or sixty at a time, with brother chess lovers all over the world.

William Wayt Gibbs, III, married Leta Watts, daughter of Newton C. and Betty (Barnhart) Watts. Newton C. Watts, who had been a pioneer in the building and operation of independent rural telephone lines in the Shenandoah Valley, was identified with this phase of communications for a most formative period of its development. Born near Waynesboro, Virginia, on September 7, 1852, he was a son of Wellington H. and Mary Ann (Faber) Watts, and a grandson of David Watts, who was a farmer in Albemarle County. Wellington H. Watts became a miller as well, operating a farm and water power sawmills near Waynesboro. An earlier record states, regarding the Watts: "While the family were not wealthy, they belonged to the solid and substantial citizens of

that locality." The late Newton C. Watts quite well recalled many episodes of the period of the War Between the States. He remembered the occasion of the John Brown raid on Harper's Ferry, and accompanied his father to Staunton when the latter, who was past military age, secured his release from army duty. He saw many wartime scenes in the Valley, and became accustomed to the sound of artillery fire during the numerous battles.

In the Reconstruction period, Mr. Watts hauled lumber and logs to the sawmill of his father and uncle, and manual labor was his chief occupation until he was past his majority. When he married, in 1875, he owned only a half interest in a cow, and later he became a partner in his father's lumber business and also did farming. He subsequently bought a tract of land near Hermitage, Virginia, sawed the timber on it, and completely changed it into a productive place. He built there a new home and other buildings.

While progressing in agricultural pursuits, Mr. Watts made his first acquaintance with public office. He was overseer of the poor for a period of two years, constable for six years, then overseer of the poor again for six years, deputy treasurer for eight years, and deputy sheriff of Augusta County, Virginia, for four years, at one time holding four offices concurrently. In 1891, he was elected sheriff, and filled that office for twelve and one-half years. As sheriff, he was required to travel considerably, and saw much of the northeastern states as well as spending some time in Canada and Cuba. While still occupying the sheriff's office, Mr. Watts, in 1895, started a telephone exchange at Staunton. Although encountering great difficulties, his persistence made the enterprise successful. After establishing the Staunton exchange on a profitable basis, he started exchanges at Lexington and Buena Vista, subsequently those at Clifton Forge and Covington, then one at Waynesboro. Following that, he and two associates established the Citizens Telephone and Telegraph Company at Newport News. Mr. Watts was also one of the founders of the Long Distance Telephone Company of Virginia, serving as its president after the property was sold to the Bell Telephone Company. In 1907, he became president of the Virginia and Tennessee Telephone Company of Roanoke, which operated lines over southwestern Virginia and into Tennessee and eastern Kentucky. He remained to his later years president of the Clifton Forge Mutual Telephone Company, the Covington Mutual Telephone Company, and the Waynesboro Mutual Telephone

Company. He was active in the affairs of the Democratic party, having been an assistant sergeant-at-arms in the St. Louis Convention of 1904, when Judge Parker was nominated for president, and holding a similar position in the convention at Denver in 1908, when William Jennings Bryan was nominated.

In 1875, Newton C. Watts married Betty Barnhart. Her mother was the former Martha Ann Weade, of Augusta County, Virginia, and her father was Gideon Barnhart, of New Hope. Mr. and Mrs. Watts were the parents of three daughters: Alma Lula, of Augusta County, who married C. B. Coiner, Jr., and became the mother of nine children; Leta, who married William Wayt Gibbs, III; and Mary, who became the wife of Herbert A. Meyer, of Independence, Kansas, United States Representative from that state.

Leta (Watts) Gibbs is a member of the First Presbyterian Church, a past treasurer of the Garden Club of Virginia, a past president of the Augusta Garden Club, a member of the board and chairman of the planting committee of the King's Daughters' Hospital in Staunton, and a member of the Colonial Dames and the Magna Carta Dames. Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs became the parents of an only son, William Wayt, IV, who was born on December 26, 1910, at Washington, D. C. He received his education at Staunton Military Academy, as had his father, and, during the period of World War II, served for three and one-half years in the United States Army, most of this time in the European Theater of Operations. He received a captain's commission. William Wayt Gibbs, IV, married Dorothy Morriss of Staunton, and their children, all born at Staunton, are: Mary Morriss, born May 9, 1936; Catherine, born March 24, 1938; and William Wayt, V, born in 1940.

William Wayt Gibbs, III, died in Staunton, on June 24, 1944. As a leading utilities executive, and as one who contributed ably, generously, and confidently to the progress of his community, he will long be remembered by those privileged to know him.

GEORGE FRANCIS CLEMENT, C.L.U.—

Formerly a railroad accountant, George Francis Clement—better known to thousands as Frank Clement—is now one of the outstanding insurance men of Shenandoah Valley. With headquarters at Roanoke, he is manager of the home office agency of the Shenandoah Life Insurance Company. He is in charge of thirty-five underwriters in forty of Virginia's counties. A man who is in-

terested in public welfare, especially of World War II veterans, he has been active in work on their behalf.

Mr. Clement was born in Roanoke on August 22, 1907, the son of George A. Clement, a salesman at Radford, and Sarah (Pollard) Clement. He was educated in Radford's elementary and high schools, graduating from the latter in 1925, and in various other institutions. He has taken correspondence courses in life insurance and in 1946 was awarded the degree of Chartered Life Underwriter (C.L.U.) by the American College of Life Underwriters.

In 1925 Mr. Clement returned to Roanoke to enter the employ of the Norfolk and Western Railway Company's accounting division, where he remained until 1930. It was in this year that he moved into his present field of interest, insurance. At that time he became an employee of the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company in Roanoke. In 1932 he was made an agent, in 1933 a supervisor and in 1934 a district manager. Then, from 1938 to January 1, 1949, he was branch manager. Since 1949 he has been manager of the home office agency of the Shenandoah Life Insurance Company in Roanoke.

Mr. Clement has given outstanding service to his native city. He is not only a past president of the Roanoke Life Underwriters Association, but from 1943 to 1946 served with the Roanoke local draft board as Re-employment Committeeman, and in 1945-47 was chairman of the Veterans Emergency Housing Committee of Roanoke City. He is first vice-president of the Lions Club of Roanoke and a former president of the Roanoke Executives Club. Also, he is a member of the Roanoke Country Club, the Roanoke Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and of such Masonic bodies as the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite and Kazim Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, in Roanoke.

He married Geraldine Beazley, daughter of R. S. and Sally (Paschall) Beazley, at Petersburg on July 21, 1934. Their children are Donald Francis, born January 19, 1938, and Sarah Barton Clement, born February 20, 1940. The family worships at the Virginia Heights Baptist Church, Roanoke.

WILLIAM BURTON ADAMS—For many years engaged in the asphalt business, William Burton Adams centers his activities in Roanoke, where he has taken over the personnel and facilities

formerly in charge of Sam Finley. His firm specializes in asphalt surfacing, performing its work over a wide area of Virginia, the Carolinas and Tennessee.

Mr. Adams was born February 25, 1903, in Campton, Walton County, Georgia, son of George Lee and Rosa (Griffin) Adams. His father was a farmer and building contractor.

Georgia schools provided William Burton Adams' early formal education, and after graduation from the Technical High School, in Atlanta, he studied at the Agricultural and Mechanical Junior College, in Monroe, Georgia, and spent a year at Georgia Technical Institute, Atlanta. Becoming a pioneer in the asphalt industry, he served as foreman in a mixing plant in 1921, in association with the interests of Sam Finley, incorporated in Atlanta in 1926. He was employed as a truck driver during the summer months with this organization while still attending school. In 1927 he was promoted to superintendent of construction, and until 1931 served as a promoter in the asphalt industry in southern states. He became vice-president of the Sam E. Finley organization, in Atlanta, Georgia, a position that he held until 1942, the year of the death of Sam Finley. Mr. Adams was both a stockholder and a director of the company, while continuing as vice-president under Mrs. Finley's ownership until 1945. The company was sold in that year.

After the death of Sam Finley, in 1942, William B. Adams started laying the groundwork for his own business, the firm of Adams and Tate. The new company started actual construction on January 1, 1946, with the personnel of the former Finley company. In addition to his work with Adams and Tate, who specialize in asphalt surfacing over a wide area of the South, Mr. Adams is also president of the Fuel Oil and Equipment Company, Inc., of Roanoke, Virginia. During World War II, Mr. Adams was engaged in the construction of vital defense projects, such as airports, highways, docks and war plants.

In addition to his work in construction, Mr. Adams is a director of the Virginia Road Building Association. He is also a member of Lakeland Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons and the Elks Club Shrine. He belongs to the Rotary Club and the Hidden Valley Country Club. His religious affiliations are with the Roanoke Methodist Church.

William Burton Adams married, September 25, 1920, Martha Duckworth, daughter of Oscar and Bessie (Saunders) Duckworth. They became the

parents of one child, Betty Virginia Adams, born January 6, 1925, in Taylor County, Georgia.

WAYT B. TIMBERLAKE, JR.—As a member of the bar practicing in Staunton, Virginia, Wayt B. Timberlake, Jr., carries a tradition of service to his city long associated with the family's name. His father is president of the Augusta National Bank, and his grandfather was noted for his mercantile enterprises. Representing a third generation, and a different profession from those of his forebears, Mr. Timberlake has like them joined wholeheartedly in promoting the welfare and advancement of his community. His offices are in the Industrial Loan Building in Staunton.

Born in that city, November 23, 1908, Wayt B. Timberlake, Jr., is a son of Wayt B., Sr., and Frances Stuart (Yates) Timberlake; and a grandson of Stephen Davis and Nannie D. (Bell) Timberlake. A veteran of the Confederate States Army, Stephen D. Timberlake founded in Staunton a successful mercantile enterprise, and laid the foundation for his family's successive accomplishments in the life of Staunton. He was born in Frederick County, Virginia, February 20, 1847, son of Stephen Davis and Frances A. Timberlake. His grandfather was a Revolutionary soldier. Reared on the farm of his father, a considerable planter and slave owner, the younger Stephen D. Timberlake acquired such education as the schools of the vicinity could supply, and was only fourteen years of age when the War Between the States broke out. Two years later he and some of his boyhood friends in the neighborhood succeeded in capturing some Yankee prisoners. This fired the youth's spirit, and although he was only sixteen, he enlisted in Company B of the 12th Virginia Cavalry. It is recorded that there were in all eleven Timberlakes in that company. From the time of his enlistment until the close of the war, Stephen D. Timberlake engaged in practically all the engagements fought in the Valley. He was captured at Brandy Station, and was held a prisoner at the old Capitol prison in Washington until released in the last exchange made during the war. Charles T. O'Ferrall, who later became governor of Virginia, wrote, in his regimental history, that if he had had a command composed of Timberlakes he could not have been stopped, had they lived, short of the Boston Commons.

Stephen D. Timberlake moved, in 1871, from Frederick, Maryland, where he was temporarily in business, to Staunton, and for forty years continued as one of the merchants of that city. He

was a communicant of the Presbyterian Church. He married Nannie D. Bell, whose father, James Wayt Bell, was the first man to receive a diploma from Virginia Military Institute, and they became the parents of seven children: 1. Stephen Davis, 3rd, a Staunton lawyer. 2. Anna Bell, who married Thomas Hogshead. 3. Margaret Y. 4. Wayt B., who became the father of Wayt B., Jr., of whom further. 5. James H., a merchant of Staunton. 6. Edith, who married Abbott Combs. 7. Olive.

Wayt B. Timberlake, Sr., born July 1, 1880, succeeded his father in the mercantile business. Reared and educated at Staunton, he first became identified with merchandising at the age of seventeen. The next year, he enlisted for service in the Spanish-American War, but was rejected. Continuing ably to manage the enterprise established by his father, he also was successful in the banking field, becoming president of the Augusta National Bank, the position he holds today. Wayt B. Timberlake, Sr., married Frances Stuart Yates, and they became the parents of two children: Wayt B., Jr., of whom further, and Emily Kent. The elder Wayt B. Timberlake is an Episcopalian and a former charter member of the Staunton Rotary Club.

Wayt B. Timberlake, Jr., attended Staunton grade and high schools, after which he entered Augusta Military Academy. He received his degree of Bachelor of Arts from Virginia Military Institute in 1929, and that of Bachelor of Laws from the University of Virginia in 1932.

On completion of his education he returned to Staunton, and there established practice in association with Charles J. Churchman. They continued their professional association until 1932, when Mr. Churchman died. For the next fifteen years, Mr. Timberlake continued in practice alone, but in 1947 became associated with Richard W. Smith and in 1949 formed the firm of Timberlake and Smith. The firm represents many business, industrial and insurance organizations operating in the Staunton area. Professionally, Mr. Timberlake is a member of the American Bar Association, and the state and the county bar associations. He belongs to the Rotary Club and is president of the local chapter of the Crippled Children's Association of Virginia. He is a member of the Emmanuel Episcopal Church of Staunton, which he serves as vestryman.

On April 28, 1934, Wayt B. Timberlake, Jr., married Susan L. Marshall of Portsmouth, a graduate of Sweetbriar College and a direct descendant of Chief Justice John Marshall. Mr.

and Mrs. Timberlake are the parents of three children: 1. Frances Stuart, born October 4, 1935. 2. Susan Marshall, born April 20, 1938. 3. Wayt B., 3rd, born August 12, 1944.

Mr. Timberlake was a lieutenant, senior grade, in the United States Naval Reserve during World War II. His business address is the Industrial Loan Building in Staunton.

JAMES B. PETTIS, M.D.—As superintendent of Western State Hospital, in Staunton, Dr. James B. Pettis has filled an important position in the professional life of this region of Virginia.

Dr. Pettis was born July 21, 1898, in Norfolk, Virginia, son of William G. and Mary (Hodges) Pettis. His father, who was born in 1856, was a building contractor in Norfolk, son of Judson R. and Jane (Casey) Pettis. Judson R. Pettis, the grandfather, was born in Williamsburg, this state, and served in the Confederate army during the War Between the States. On the maternal side of the house, Dr. Pettis' grandfather was William Hodges, a native of Deep Creek, Virginia, who was wounded in the course of his service to the Confederacy; prior and after the war he was a planter and shipbuilder, building numerous canal boats and helping in the actual construction of the canal through the Dismal Swamp.

Dr. James B. Pettis, youngest of four children of his parents, attended Norfolk schools, was graduated from high school there in 1916, then entered the University of Wisconsin. At the entry of the United States into World War I, however, in April, 1917, he took steps to become attached to the armed forces, and in August of that year he became a seaman, first class, in the navy, serving until 1919. He then was mustered out of the service and returned to college, first of all to William and Mary College, then to Morris Harvey College, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1923. Later he entered the Medical College of Virginia, where he was graduated in 1930 as a Doctor of Medicine.

After an internship of two years at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, in Washington, D. C., Dr. Pettis was resident psychiatrist at that institution. He then became ward surgeon and neuro-psychiatrist at the Veterans' Hospital in Oteen, North Carolina, for a short time, after which he was appointed director of the Mental Hygiene Clinics at Marlboro, Monmouth County, New Jersey, in 1933. Continuing in that position for six years, he became clinical director of Western State Hospital in Staunton in 1939. Two years later his



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work here was interrupted by World War II, in which he was commissioned a lieutenant commander in the navy on September 29, 1941. Later he received a captain's commission, serving until July 23, 1946. He still holds his commission as a captain in the Naval Reserve Medical Corps. He returned to Staunton on September 17, 1946, resuming his work with Western State Hospital, this time as superintendent of the institution.

He continues in this work down to the time of writing, and is also associated with many medical and scientific bodies. He is a Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association and also a Fellow of the Southern Psychiatric Association, member of the Augusta County Medical Society, the Virginia State Medical Society, the American Medical Association and other groups. He is president of the State Neuro-Psychiatric Society and chairman of the Mental Hygiene Committee of the State of Virginia. He is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, the Rotary Club, the Medical Society of St. Elizabeth's Hospital (Washington, D. C.), and the Sigma Nu, Chi Beta Phi and Chi Phi fraternities. He is a vestryman of Trinity Episcopal Church.

Dr. James B. Pettis married Winifred W. Tinsley, of Danville, Virginia, daughter of William and Nanny (Harvey) Tinsley. Her father was a plantation owner throughout his active career, but is now deceased. Dr. and Mrs. Pettis became the parents of the following children: 1. Winifred Graham, born June 23, 1929, entered Randolph-Macon College. 2. Ann Tinsley, born May 2, 1934, became a student at Stuart Hall.

LAWRENCE WASHINGTON HOWE PEYTON

—Long a leading member of the Staunton bar, Lawrence Washington Howe Peyton filled an important position in the life of this Virginia community. Some of his outstanding work was done in education as president of Staunton Military Academy and chairman of the board of visitors of Virginia Military Institute. In every circle in which he was known he gained admiration and confidence and his qualities were such as to distinguish him among his contemporaries.

Mr. Peyton was born January 27, 1872, at St. Peter Port, Guernsey, where his parents were then living. The name of Peyton is one of the earliest connected with the colony of Virginia, Sir Henry Peyton having been knighted by James I and having become a gentleman of the Privy Chamber of Prince Henry. He was a member of the London Company to whom King James

granted a charter in 1610 to form a colony in Virginia. The Virginia branch of this family of Peytons traces its descent from the nephew of Sir Edward Peyton, Baronet of Iselham, Cambridgeshire, England. John Peyton, the first American immigrant of the family, married Ellen Parkington, of London, and they had two sons: Henry and Valentine, of Westmoreland County, Virginia. Their descendants scattered throughout the state and other parts of the South and West. John Howe Peyton settled in Staunton in 1809, upon being appointed attorney for the Commonwealth. He was a son of John R. Peyton of Stoney Hill, Stafford County, Virginia. John Howe Peyton, a graduate of Princeton and a state senator, built Montgomery Hall near Staunton, a magnificent mansion, and owned one hundred slaves. He married (first) Susan Madison, and they became the parents of a son, the late Colonel William M. Peyton of Roanoke; and (second) Anne Montgomery Lewis, daughter of Major John Lewis of Sweet Springs. John Howe Peyton died in 1848.

One of the children of the second marriage was John Lewis Peyton, an author of note, his books including "The American Crisis," "Over the Alleghenies and Across the Prairies," "The Adventures of My Grandfather," and other popular works. He also wrote a fine history of Augusta County, Virginia. He was an accredited Confederate state's agent to England and France during the Civil War, assigned to purchase needed supplies for the South. He was born September 15, 1824, attended Virginia Military Institute, and received his Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of Virginia in 1845, and in 1851 was sent by the United States government on a secret mission to England, France, Austria and Canada. He married Henrietta ("Betty") Washington, daughter of Colonel J. C. Washington of North Carolina, a wealthy planter. Their only child, Lawrence W. H. Peyton, attended Staunton Military Academy, where he was graduated. In 1893 he was graduated from Virginia Military Institute as a civil engineer, winning the second Jackson Hope medal. After graduation, he served as assistant professor of mathematics and tactics at Virginia Military Institute, where he held the commission of captain. Mr. Peyton studied law at Washington and Lee University and at the University of Virginia, was admitted to the bar in 1895, and opened his office for the practice of law in Staunton.

In addition to his professional work, Mr. Peyton interested himself in a wide range of civic

activities. During the Spanish-American War he was a lieutenant in the Fourth United States Volunteer Regiment, stationed in Cuba. When he returned to civilian life, he resumed his law practice. In 1916 he was appointed to the board of visitors of Virginia Military Institute, serving until 1924. He was president of the board from 1920 to 1924. After eight years of retirement from that office, he was reappointed to the board of visitors in 1932, continuing as a member for the rest of his life, and also serving as president of the board during his latter years. He was also president of the General Alumni Association of the Institute and was a member of the Kappa Alpha fraternity there. Mr. Peyton also served as president of Staunton Military Academy, as well as of the Farmers and Merchants Bank. A Democrat in his political views he was for ten years head of the Augusta County organization of his party, afterwards becoming chairman of the Staunton Democrat Committee. He was elector for the old Tenth Congressional District from 1920. He regularly attended state conventions of the party, and at the close of his life was a member of the Seventh District Committee. He belonged to the Sons of the American Revolution and the Society of the Cincinnati.

Lawrence Washington Howe Peyton married, December 6, 1905, Margaret Erskine Catlett, of Staunton, daughter of Richard Henry and Fanny Bolling (Gay) Catlett. Her father, who was a lawyer, a member of the firm of Echols, Bell and Catlett, served on Governor Letcher's staff at the outbreak of the Civil War and was a major in the Confederate forces. Prior to the Civil War he was associated with Virginia Military Institute.

Mr. and Mrs. Peyton were the parents of four children: 1. Richard Catlett, born November 18, 1906, graduated from Virginia Military Institute, married Caroline Rogers; they became the parents of two children: Valerie and Richard Catlett Peyton, Jr. 2. John Lewis, born March 20, 1908, became a major in the United States Army; he married Daphne Henderson, an Englishwoman. 3. Lawrence Washington Howe, Jr., graduated from Staunton Military Academy and was in his third year of law studies at the University of Virginia at the time of his death. 4. Betty Washington, born September 3, 1914, became the wife of William Grosvenor Davis of Newport, Rhode Island, and the mother of their two children: Alice Grosvenor and Margaret Peyton Davis.

The death of Lawrence W. H. Peyton occurred on Saturday, June 11, 1949, at his Staunton resi-

dence, "Steepphill," and was an occasion of widespread sorrow throughout this region of Virginia and the South. His contribution to professional and community life was outstanding, and he will long be affectionately remembered by a host of his friends and acquaintances.

JAMES GILMORE WATTS has been, since 1940, owner of the Baldwin, Echols and Company department store in Glasgow, Virginia, and is also a prominent figure in banking in that community. He has been associated with his present store, under its various managements, for nearly fifty years, and is one of Glasgow's most highly esteemed citizens.

Mr. Watts was born on a farm situated a mile and a half from Glasgow, so that he has lived in this locality all his life. His father was Luther M. Watts, a farmer and a veteran of the War Between the States, during which he served in the 27th Virginia Regiment. At the time of the surrender of General Robert E. Lee, Luther M. Watts was a prisoner of war at Fort Delaware.

A graduate of the Rockbridge County schools, James Gilmore Watts started as a clerk with the Mathews-Baldwin Company in Glasgow in 1902. He became a partner in 1912 at the time the Baldwin-Echols Company was organized, and so continued until 1940 when he purchased the firm. It continues in operation under the designation of Baldwin, Echols and Company. Also in 1940 was begun the construction of the present modern brick building.

Mr. Watts is president of the Bank of Glasgow, Inc. He is affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and is a member of Kazim Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine in Roanoke. He belongs also to the chapter of the Royal Arch Masons, and to Moomaw Commandery No. 27, Knights Templar. Mr. Watts is a communicant of the Presbyterian Church at Falling Spring.

He resides in Glasgow and is unmarried.

PETER M. DORSCH—As the president of the Spalding Baking Company, Peter M. Dorsch is an important factor in the business circles of Staunton, and a large adjoining territory. A self-made man, he graduated from salesmanship into manufacturing, beginning when this term meant making by hand in his chosen vocation. It was with an exceptionally wide experience that he

came to Staunton and developed on a large scale the company that he purchased at that time.

Born in Washington, D. C., in 1878, Mr. Dorsch is the son of Michael and Catherine (Kraft) Dorsch, both natives of Bavaria, Germany, who came when young to the New World. After first engaging in farming, the father became interested in merchandising and eventually became the owner of several markets and delicatessen stores. Peter M. Dorsch was the oldest of the nine children in the family (three of whom are living), and when financial conditions became limited he felt called upon to get out and contribute to his own livelihood. Thus it was that at an age, eleven years, when most boys were centering their attention on school, he went to work, acquiring the education that is learned in the School of Hard Knocks.

After selling papers as a boy, Peter M. Dorsch started learning the baker's trade and advanced so rapidly that at the age of nineteen he was the operator of his own bakery. All the space that he had in this first venture was twelve by twelve feet, but he managed to turn out a large volume. He went on to larger and larger enterprises, in 1936 coming to Staunton, where he purchased the Spalding Baking Company. This down through the passing years has been built up on a major scale, with the old name retained. Retail outlets are maintained and a wholesale business done in the city and surrounding counties. Some fifty people are employed, all production equipment is ultra-modern and the automotive distribution is equally up-to-date. In this connection it has been written of Mr. Dorsch and his firm that they hold "leadership in the Shenandoah Valley. From the great waving wheat fields of the American plains comes the superior grain that forms the basis of his products. Milled into flour, the purity and quality of which is constantly being scientifically tested to insure strict uniformity in the finished product. Then combined with milk solids, sugar, water, malt and yeast, it needs only baking in controlled ovens to finish it to that luscious brown characteristic of 'Bamby' which is his trade name of Spalding's breads, cakes and pastries." Mr. Dorsch is a member of the Beverly Club, and is fraternally affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He worships at St. Francis Catholic Church and figures prominently in the Knights of Columbus.

Peter M. Dorsch married Mary Agnes Brown of Washington, D. C. She is a graduate in music from Sinsinawa Academy, in Wisconsin, and is

an outstanding organist. Mr. and Mrs. Dorsch are the parents of two daughters: 1. Mary Catherine, a graduate of Georgetown University; she married Eric William Tattersall, and is the mother of four children: Mary Catherine, Agnes, Peter Dorsch, and Patricia. 2. Agnes Regina (Jean), a graduate in art and music; she married Thomas Fitzgerald of Washington, D. C., and they have two sons: Thomas M., and Peter Michael.

RICHARD P. BELL, M.D.—For a number of years, Dr. Richard P. Bell has been considered an outstanding physician and surgeon of Staunton, and one of the most distinguished members of his profession in the state of Virginia. He is personally popular, and his professional abilities are held in high regard, wherever his name is known.

A native of Staunton, Dr. Bell was born September 28, 1881, son of Richard P. and Emma Lyle (Frazier) Bell; grandson of Major Henderson M. and Anne (Kinney) Bell; and great-grandson of James and Betsey (Henderson) Bell. The family was established in the American colonies by the great-great-great-grandfather of Dr. Bell, a native of England who came to what is now Augusta County, Virginia, becoming one of the pioneers of the Shenandoah Valley. Members of the family served in the American Revolution, and all bearers of the name have been a credit to their locality and state. Joseph Bell, the son of the immigrant, became a large plantation owner in Augusta County, and on his homestead James Bell, the great-grandfather of Dr. Bell, was born.

Major Henderson Bell, the grandfather of Dr. Bell, received his title in the Confederate States Army. He was an attorney, and following the close of the war became a member of the famous law firm of Echols, Bell and Catlett. All of the members of this firm attained widespread distinction in their profession.

Richard P. Bell, a son of Major Bell and father of Dr. Bell, was born in Staunton, May 6, 1853, and died in that city February 22, 1904. He was a graduate of the Virginia Military Institute and the law department of the University of Virginia, and his life was spent at Staunton, where those of his confreres now living speak of him in the highest terms, both as a representative of his profession and as a man. Richard P. Bell married Emma Lyle Frazier, and to them seven children were born. Four of these survive: three daughters and one son, the latter being Dr. Richard Bell.

Passing his boyhood in his native community, Dr. Bell attended the schools there before taking

his academic and professional training at the University of Virginia. He received his degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1901, and that of Doctor of Medicine in 1905. His internship was passed in the hospital of the University of Virginia at Charlottesville, after which he entered the Union Protestant Infirmary in Baltimore. For four years he specialized in surgery.

It was in 1910 that Dr. Bell relocated in his native Staunton, and there he has practiced ever since, the only major interruption in the continuity of his practice being his term of service during World War I. At that time, he enlisted in the United States Army (January, 1918), and was stationed at Camp Hancock, Georgia, where he received a captain's commission. Until July, 1918, he served with that rank in connection with Base Hospital No. 53, and was thereafter promoted to the rank of major and placed in charge as chief surgeon of his hospital. In the same month he was ordered overseas, attached to Base Hospital No. 53, but was in charge of an operating team which was attached to Mobile Hospital No. 6 at the front. For his services, Dr. Bell was cited and decorated by the French Government. He received a citation certificate and decoration of the Order of Officier d'Academie, with silver palms, awarded by the French Government on the recommendation of General Galon. In February, 1919, Dr. Bell was returned to the United States, and he received his honorable discharge the next month. He resumed practice at Staunton.

Dr. Richard P. Bell married, in 1909, Mary Campbell Gratsy, and they became the parents of six children: 1. Virginia Lyle, a graduate of Stuart Hall and of Mary Baldwin College; also of Wheaton College, Norton, Massachusetts. She married C. G. Hull, Jr., of Greenwood, Mississippi, and their children are Martha Virginia, Clarence G., and Richard P. 2. Dr. Richard Phillips, Jr., who was educated at Staunton Military Academy and Dartmouth College, and who took his degree of Doctor of Medicine from the University of Virginia in 1936. During World War II, Dr. Richard Bell, Jr., entered the United States Army Medical Corps, and his wartime career to a remarkable degree duplicated that of his father during World War I. He served in base hospitals in North Africa and Italy, and was commissioned a major. On his return from service he spent one year in postgraduate work before joining his father in practice in Staunton. He specializes in surgery. Dr. Richard P. Bell, Jr., married Hilda Franklin of Martinsburg, and they are the parents of two children: Richard P., III, and James

Franklin. 3. Mary Gratsy, a graduate of Stuart Hall and of Mary Baldwin College. She married Dr. Henry St. George Tucker, Jr., of Richmond. Their children are Henry St. George, III, and Richard Bell. 4. Dr. Thomas G., who received his education at the Episcopal High School and graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts from the University of Virginia, and with the degree of Doctor of Medicine from the same university in 1938. At the time of World War II, he enlisted in the United States Army Medical Corps and was commissioned a first lieutenant. He served in the Pacific area and also in Japan, and during the course of this service, he was promoted to captain. On his return to civilian life, he took a residency in obstetrics at the University of Virginia Hospital. Dr. Thomas G. Bell married Eleanor Lile Tucker of Cleveland, Ohio, and they have two children, Eleanor Lile and Virginia Lile. 5. Dr. Lewis Frazier. He was educated first at the Episcopal High School and later at the University of Virginia, from which he received both the degree of Bachelor of Arts and that of Doctor of Medicine. He served in the Medical Corps in the Pacific and Japan during and after World War II, and since his return to civilian life is assistant resident in medicine at the University of Virginia Hospital. Dr. Lewis F. Bell married Eugenie McChristal, and their only child is Mary McChristal. 6. Janet Bayless, a graduate of Stuart Hall and of Mary Baldwin College.

H. McKELDEN SMITH—One of the leading business men of Staunton, H. McKelden Smith has been engaged in a variety of commercial enterprises, including fuel supply, ice distribution and banking. His forebears established an excellent record in the Valley, and Mr. Smith, through his creditable performance in whatever he has undertaken, has merited equally the esteem of his fellows.

Born April 10, 1876, H. McKelden Smith is a son of Judge John W. Green and Sarah (McKelden) Smith. The family is descended from Captain John Smith, who founded the family in Rockingham and Augusta counties. He came from England and proved his intention of taking up land at Orange Courthouse, June 26, 1740. Captain John and Margaret Smith had sons named Abraham, Henry, Daniel, John and Joseph, and a daughter who married Hugh Bowen. Captain John Smith and seventeen others were the successful defenders for three days of a fort near where Pattonsburg now stands. The be-

siegers were French and Indians. After the garrison had been reduced to about ten while thirty times that number were on the outside, a surrender was agreed upon under the conditions of which the defenders were to be allowed to return to their homes. These terms were violated, and the prisoners were embarked from New Orleans. One of the sons of Captain John Smith had been killed by an Indian after the surrender and another died en route to New Orleans. From there Captain Smith was sent to France and he was the only one of the ill-fated party to return to America. Captain Smith died at the home of his son Daniel, near Harrisonburg, after the Revolutionary War had begun. Several of his sons had distinguished records of service in this war. One of them, Abraham, became colonel of militia in 1776, and in 1778 was appointed a justice and county lieutenant, while Abraham's son John served as an ensign in the decisive battle of Point Pleasant. Daniel, another son of Captain John, was for several terms the presiding justice of Augusta County. He was captain of militia and the first court of Rockingham County was held in his house. Also for many years he served as circuit court judge. He married Jane Harrison and they were the parents of Judge John Green Smith.

Born in Rockingham County, John Green Smith acquired a college education, and additional experience in the field of law from his father. He practiced in Harrisonburg, where he became judge of the circuit court. During the War Between the States he acted as provost marshal. Following that war he removed to California to practice law there. However, because of his record as a Confederate soldier he was debarred from practicing in the courts, though he was permitted to act as counselor. He married his first wife, Miss Taylor, in California. About 1870 he returned to Virginia, and from that time until his death carried on a large private practice and for a time served as a judge of the corporation court. He is spoken of by a distinguished Virginian and resident of Staunton, Armistead C. Gordon, as one of the ablest lawyers and finest men he ever knew. In his religious faith, Judge Smith was an Episcopalian.

He married, as his second wife, Sarah McKelden, of Washington, D. C. He had four children by his first marriage. The only child of the second union was H. McKelden Smith, of whom further.

After completing his preliminary education in the local schools, H. McKelden Smith attended

the University of Virginia, and immediately thereafter entered business life in the city where his family had long been established. He chose the fuel supply and ice business as his field of endeavor; but he was also prominent in the financial life of the city, being a director of the Augusta National Bank.

Mr. Smith has also been identified with service to the municipal government, having served on the city council for a number of years. Like his forebears, he has been a communicant of the Episcopal Church.

In April, 1912, H. McKelden Smith married Emily Vance Pancake, daughter of John S. Pancake of Staunton. They became the parents of a son, H. McKelden, Jr.

GENERAL ALEXANDER McCARRELL PATCH—Both the full name and family of General Alexander McCarrell Patch are eminently identified with the military services of their country. Born in Huachucua, Arizona, on November 23, 1889, General Alexander McCarrell Patch was the son of Captain Alexander McCarrell and Mrs. Annie (Moore) Patch. His father, born in Washington, D. C., was a West Pointer who was graduated in 1877, and retired from the army with the rank of captain; before his passing he was president of the Cornwall Railroad.

General Patch, Jr., was the youngest of four children, of whom only General Joseph D. Patch survives. The other brothers and sisters were: William D., Lida G., and General Patch of this record. The last-named acquired his academic education at St. Luke's in Wayne, Pennsylvania, and Lehigh University. Receiving an appointment to West Point he was graduated from the United States Military Academy, with the class of 1913. His first noteworthy assignment was to the Mexican Border, where he remained for two years prior to the involvement of our country in World War I. During this conflict he served overseas with the American Expeditionary Forces, 1st Infantry Division, and also was stationed at Fort Benning, Fort Leavenworth, and Fort Washington, the last-named located in Maryland.

After the end of World War I, General Patch was Professor of Military Science and Tactics at Staunton Military Institute, during three different periods or nine years in all. In World War II, he served in New Caledonia on the opposite side of the globe (1942), was in command of the Fourteenth Corps, United States Army, at the

forcing of Guadalcanal in the Pacific Tropics (1943), and later was with the Seventh Army in the invasion of southern France. As a lieutenant general he was stationed in 1944 at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, as head of the Board of Planners in connection with the reorganization of the United States Army, a round of duty ending in his death. Like many another Army officer, his opportunities for becoming affiliated with civilian organizations were few. His scholastic fraternity was Psi Upsilon, and he was a member of the Army and Navy Club. He worshipped in the Episcopal faith.

In 1915, General Patch married Julia Littell of Washington, D. C., daughter of Brigadier General I. W. Littell, her father a native of New Jersey. Mrs. Patch received her education in the schools of her birthplace and Oaksmere College, New Rochelle, New York. General and Mrs. Patch were the parents of two children: 1. Captain Alexander McCarrell, III, who was born July 2, 1920, and was killed in action in World War II in France, 1944. He was a graduate of West Point Military Academy, class of 1942. He married Genevieve Spalding, and they were the parents of a son: Alexander McCarrell, IV. 2. Julia Ann, born January 29, 1922, who was educated at Stuart Hall in Staunton and is a graduate of Agnes Scott College; she married C. M. Drummond of Spartanburg, South Carolina, and is the mother of two children: Julia Littell, and C. M., Jr.

The passing of General Patch occurred in November, 1945, when he was a casualty of military service as surely as if he had died in battle. His life had been given to his country with complete devotion, and with an effectiveness worthy of all honors. His remains lie buried at West Point on the Hudson, New York, with the heroes of American wars.

EDWARD WHITE LAUCK—The Lauck name has been identified with the "Page News and Courier", of Luray, Virginia, over an exceptionally long period. This newspaper has witnessed the passing of many a publication, for the journalistic graveyard of the Shenandoah Valley has received numerous defunct journalistic enterprises down through the eighty-three years that the Luray newspaper has served the people of Page County. Its present publisher and editor, Edward White Lauck, followed his father in these activities, and since 1936 has directed its destinies. He is a college man and graduate engineer, who quit his connection with the steel industry to take

over the responsibilities of a town paper. His record attests to his abilities and success in his field of endeavor.

A native of Luray, Virginia, born on November 1, 1899, Edward White Lauck is the son of William Carl and Annie Rhodes (Grayson) Lauck, both of whom are deceased. His mother passed away on March 8, 1945. His father, whose record accompanies this sketch, died on July 28, 1934. The son of this record was prepared for higher education in the Luray High School, class of 1916, and entered the Virginia Military Institute, from which he was graduated a Bachelor of Science in 1921. During this period he had been a member of the Students Auxiliary Training Corps, World War I, receiving his honorable discharge in 1919. He is likewise a graduate Civil Engineer, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, in 1922.

From the university, Mr. Lauck entered the employ of the Republic Steel Corporation in its Norfolk, Virginia, branch office. Four years later he became assistant manager of the Greensboro, North Carolina, branch of this same company, remaining from 1926 to 1928, when he transferred to the Memphis, Tennessee, branch of the corporation. He was serving as district manager in 1936, when he decided to return to Luray, and take over the publishing of the "Page News and Courier."

This journal of ancient and honorary record is the successor to the "Page Courier," founded in 1867, and the "Page News," launched in 1881. The two were combined in 1911 under the present title. It was purchased by William Carl Lauck, who died in 1934, and about two years after his demise, Edward White Lauck assumed the management and ownership of the business. Either by inherited talents or the ability to adjust himself to an enterprise for which he had not been prepared by formal or technical education and experience, Mr. Lauck has made good in a most difficult field. He publishes a weekly newspaper that lives up to its slogan, "Devoted to the Best Interests of Page County." He sees to it that the journal not only chronicles current events—national, State and local—with constructive editorial comment, but makes his paper an exemplar of good printing and attractive format that has won repute with Virginia colleagues and competitors. The "Page News and Courier" maintains a large and thoroughly modern press and equipment that does an exceptionally large commercial printing trade.



W.C. Leuck

Mr. Lauck is an active member of the Virginia Press Association and the National Editorial Association. He is a director of the North Virginia Power Company, of the Page Valley National Bank, and serves on the Board of the Virginia Department of Conservation and Development and the Luray Park Board. He is independent in politics, promoting the nomination of sound candidates to public office with little regard to their political affiliations. He is a former president and is a member of the Luray Chamber of Commerce, and is similarly a president and member of the Luray Rotary Club. His college fraternity is Alpha Tau Omega. Mr. Lauck belongs to the Main Street Baptist Church, where he taught a Bible class for a number of years. Ever the weight of his personal and newspaper influence is on the side of progressive measures for the community and the generous support of humanitarian projects.

On April 23, 1932, at Birmingham, Alabama, Edward White Lauck married Lucy Berneice Lee of this city, daughter of Pigot Hamilton and Annie (Allen) Lee. Mr. and Mrs. Lauck are the parents of a daughter: Sally Ann, born May 28, 1934.

W. C. LAUCK—The late W. C. Lauck was born in Luray, November 18, 1873, a son of Elder William Edwin and Anna (Nichols) Lauck, and a grandson of William Cunningham Lauck, who was an old-school Baptist minister, devoting his life to the work of the church. A graduate of Washington and Lee University of the class of 1895, W. C. Lauck at that time received the Bachelor of Arts degree and won the highest honors of the school, including the Santini medal for oratory. For a few years thereafter he engaged in teaching at the Newport News Military Academy and was also sports writer for the Norfolk, Virginia, "Pilot". In 1896 he returned to Luray, where he began reading law under Judge E. T. Booton of the circuit court. Later he attended the University of Virginia as a law student, being present at several summer sessions and passing required state examination in 1897. He began practice in Luray, but after following his profession for a short period, turned his attention to newspaper publication, purchasing, in 1899, a half interest in the "Page News", while a little later he became sole owner of the plant. In 1911, he purchased the "Page Courier" and consolidated the two under the name of the "Page News and Courier", issuing the paper semi-weekly.

Mr. Lauck manifested a deep and helpful interest in all forward and progressive movements of his county and was largely instrumental in the building of Lee Highway through the county. He also served as postmaster of Luray during the administration of President Wilson, was at one time mayor of the city, and was ever keenly interested in Democratic affairs, serving as chairman of the county Democratic committee for several years. His life was that of a consistent Christian, with membership in the Main Street Baptist Church, of which he was a deacon, and which he also served as teacher of the Men's Bible Class and president of the Baptist Young People's Union. He did everything in his power to further the moral progress of his community and his labors were far-reaching and effective. He was also a charter member of the Luray Rotary Club and belonged to the Masonic fraternity. His death occurred July 28, 1934, in his sixty-first year.

W. C. Lauck married Annie Rhodes Grayson, a native of Luray, who passed away on March 8, 1945. They became the parents of two sons: Edward White (q.v.), of Luray, and Charles Grayson, who died in 1918.

WILLIAM DAVID HOCKMAN, JR.—Adequate highway and community transportation has long been one of the important problems of the Shenandoah Valley. To its solution William David Hockman, Jr., contributes in several noteworthy phases, as a distributor of cars, automotive services, organizer and sole owner of the Royal Bus Line, operating in and out of Front Royal, county seat of Warren County, and the entry to the famous "Skyline Drive". He is not only one of the substantial business men of his city, but is exceptionally broad in his personal interests, being a well-known sportsman, but as well the efficient manager of his own farm.

Mr. Hockman, Jr., is a native of Fairfield, Virginia, born on July 17, 1915, son of William David, Sr. and Beatrice (Ramsey) Hockman. His father, before retiring from business activities, was associated with the Skyline Motor Sales Company, of which he remains vice-president. Currently he is keenly interested in helping his son's enterprises and in community endeavors. The mother passed away on June 6, 1948, after having enjoyed the establishment of her son in business and good citizenship. The latter was graduated from the Fairfield High School with the class of 1932, and

rounded out his preparation for a career by attending the Dunsmore Business College during the following year.

From 1933, Mr. Hockman, the younger, was with the Corner Parts Company, of Staunton, Virginia, and then from 1940 to 1943 was associated with the Atlantic Greyhound Company, of Richmond, same State. The following three years he was owner and manager of the Firestone Home and Auto Supplies Store in Front Royal. In 1946 he established the Skyline Motor Sales, Inc., in the city, and has since directed its affairs as president with excellent results. His company is a dealer and distributor of Studebaker automobiles, trucks and motor equipment, covering a territory that includes Warren, Page, Rappahannock, Clarke and Fauquier counties. The firm maintains a completely equipped service station, including a body shop and other essentials, a fine show room at 618 North Main Street, with an adequate number of employees to take care of a constantly increasing business. In 1947 he also established the Royal Bus Lines, of which he retains ownership, operating three busses in the city, with busses for charter for special trips.

Mr. Hockman is a farmer, directing activities of a place of almost a hundred acres. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, the Loyal Order of Moose, the Lions Club of Front Royal, and is a director and former vice-president of the Chamber of Commerce. Along business lines he belongs to the Front Royal Automobile Dealers Association, and the Retail Merchants Association. He attends the Presbyterian Church and co-operates with community charitable projects and groups. An ardent sportsman, he is a skilled horseman and enjoys few things better than his riding, jumping and hunter horses. He fishes and hunts, spends much time in the fields and forests and runs his own river craft. He likewise has a pilot's license, but does little personal flying at the present writing.

GEORGE BOWLER TULLIDGE—For slightly more than twenty-five years George Bowler Tullidge has figured prominently in the life of Staunton. A man of the present century by birth and ideas, he came to the city as a medical college graduate recently married, and from the first entered many phases of affairs in the community while rising to a place of importance with its business men, as head of his own insurance firm, an official of several companies, and more re-

cently as president of the Farmers and Merchants Bank of Staunton.

Mr. Tullidge was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on December 29, 1901, son of Dr. George Bowler and Mrs. Catherine (O'Donnell) Tullidge, both of whom are deceased. After being graduated from Staunton Military Academy in 1919, he studied at Lehigh University, Pennsylvania, for nearly three years before transferring to the Medical College of Virginia, where he was graduated with the class of 1925, a Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy. In that same year he became a resident of Staunton, the manager of the Hogshead Drug Store, that even then was something of a local institution. As an undergraduate, Mr. Tullidge engaged in several campus activities, and was pledged to the Alpha Tau Omega and the Kappa Psi fraternities. His interest in education has never waned and he is especially concerned with the help of ambitious students to acquire a sound schooling and technical preparation for useful careers.

George B. Tullidge continued his pharmaceutical connection for only a few years before branching out in the insurance business, and has since made his name known over a wide territory as head of the Staunton Insurance Agency, dealing in almost all types of insurance, representing some of the largest companies in America. He is vice-president of the Staunton Livestock Market, and since 1937 has been a member of the board of directors of the Farmers and Merchants Bank, of the city. Of this institution he became vice-president in 1940, and on August 31, 1949, was elected president of the bank, a richly deserved promotion to responsibilities for which his former endeavors and experience fully qualified him. In municipal affairs he has been a councilman and promoter of progressive measures. He is a trustee of Staunton Military Academy; a director of the Young Men's Christian Association, and long has been to the fore in the Boy Scout organization, in such capacities as member of the district camp committee, and other posts. Mr. Tullidge is associated with the Kiwanis Club, of which he is a past president; has served on the Staunton City Board of Health, and fraternally is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias and the Free and Accepted Masons, a member of all the bodies of Masonry including the Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is an elder of the First Presbyterian Church of Staunton, a liberal contributor of his best energies and means to the advance of religious and charitable projects.

On March 15, 1923, George Bowler Tullidge married Anne Archer Hogshead, daughter of Thomas Hogshead, and member of old and prominent families of Staunton. She is a graduate of Baldwin School and Mary Baldwin College, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania. By right of eminent ancestry she is a member of the Colonial Dames. She is a member of the Augusta Garden Club, and was one of the organizers of Staunton Chapter of the United World Federalists. During World War II, she was a Grey Lady and was head supervisor of surgical dressings, and also served in the U.S.O., and canteen. Mr. and Mrs. Tullidge are the parents of the following children: 1. George Bowler, III, born January 22, 1924; educated at Staunton Military Academy, and while a student at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, volunteered for service in World War II on January 11, 1943. He trained at Camp Croft, South Carolina, and Fort Benning and also at Alliance, Nebraska, and went overseas to Europe as a paratrooper in November, 1943, and lost his life in action during the invasion of Normandy on June 8, 1944. He lies buried in the National Cemetery at Cambridge, England. Enlisting as a private, he was promoted to the rank of sergeant of the 507th Parachute Infantry of the 82nd Airborne Division. During his school days he had been an Eagle Scout, member of the Cotillion Club; and greatly interested in athletics, had made many records as an expert swimmer. 2. Thomas Hogshead, born December 19, 1927, a graduate of Staunton Military Academy, and West Point Military Academy, class of 1950; he married Florence Ellen Gray of Waverly, Virginia, daughter of Garland Gray. 3. Archer Kilbourne, born March 24, 1930; a graduate of Staunton Military Academy, attended Virginia Polytechnic Institute, and is taking studies preparatory to entering the Christian ministry. 4. Anne Bowler, born March 16, 1946. All of the family attend the Presbyterian Church.

EUGENE H. HOLSINGER — The Holsinger Lumber Company, Inc., has for years occupied a prominent place in lumber trade circles in Staunton and vicinity. Since the death of the founder, Eugene H. Holsinger, in 1947, Mrs. Holsinger has operated the business, of which she is president at the time of writing. The other officers of the company had been employees before assuming official positions in the organization, which has been in possession of the Holsinger family since 1926.

Mr. Holsinger was born April 4, 1904, in Martinsburg, West Virginia, son of Samuel H. and Irene (Bishop) Holsinger, both natives of Augusta County, Virginia. His father was the second city manager to hold office after that form of municipal government was inaugurated in Staunton. He served for a number of years in that capacity, then resigned to become commissioner of revenue, a post which he held for a period of years. He and his wife were the parents of the following children: 1. Samuel H., Jr. 2. Eugene H., now deceased, of further mention.

Eugene H. Holsinger attended the Robert E. Lee School, in Staunton, and was graduated from Staunton Military Academy. His first employment was in the gasoline and oil business in association with Edward Woodard. In 1926 he bought the Montague Payne Lumber Company, which he proceeded to operate as the Holsinger Lumber Company, with three employees. Meeting with steady success, Mr. Holsinger added a line of building materials during World War II—brick, roofing and many types of interior finishes. The company also undertook to build cabinets, establishing a separate department for this purpose at Nos. 136-144 Greenville Avenue. The lumberyards are situated on Middlebrook Avenue.

After the death of Mr. Holsinger, January 1, 1947, which was an occasion of deep sorrow in Staunton and vicinity, his wife took over management of the Holsinger Lumber Company. She incorporated it in April, 1948, and continued as its president. Roller A. Moyers is vice-president; William M. Stubbs, treasurer; and Robert E. Holsinger, secretary. Both the vice-president and the treasurer had been long-time employees of the company. By arrangement with Mrs. Holsinger, they purchased a small interest in the business and assumed their present offices.

Mrs. Holsinger, before her marriage, was Louise Heydenreich, daughter of Paul Heydenreich, of Staunton, and Jennie L. (Moyihan) Heydenreich, who was born in Rochester, New York. Both her parents are now deceased. Mrs. Holsinger herself studied in Stuart Hall in Staunton, and attended Mary Baldwin Seminary. Both she and her husband became early members of Emmanuel Episcopal Church, in which he was a vestryman for many years. He was also active in the Rotary Club.

Their son, Robert Eugene Holsinger, who is secretary of the company, was born June 24, 1928. He attended Princeton University, after completing his preparatory studies at Woodberry Forest.

At his father's death, he immediately joined the Holsinger Lumber Company and became its secretary. He, too, is active in Emmanuel Episcopal Church, being the youngest member of the vestry in this diocese, and a member of the Young Men's Civic Club.

MICHAEL E. KIVLIGHAN — One of Staunton's leading business and professional workers, Michael E. Kivlighan is a practicing lawyer and one of the community's prominent photographers. His photographic studio is among the best equipped of its type, and in conjunction with it he operates a camera and photographic supply store which is recognized as one of the most up-to-date in this part of Virginia.

Mr. Kivlighan was born April 25, 1914, in Staunton, Virginia, son of Michael and Mary B. (Wholey) Kivlighan, both natives of Staunton. His father is now deceased. He was a miller by trade. The paternal grandfather was Owen Kivlighan. Michael and Mary B. (Wholey) Kivlighan became the parents of eight children.

Michael E. Kivlighan, one of these eight children, attended St. Francis' Parochial School and Robert E. Lee High School, then entered Georgetown University, where he was graduated as a Bachelor of Science in 1937. Three years later, in 1940, he was graduated as a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Virginia, and in that same year he started his practice of law in Staunton. At the same time he developed his interest in photography as a major hobby, and in due course the status of this avocation became ever more important. At length, on August 1, 1946, he opened his own place of business, the Camera Shop, which he organized and of which he is sole owner. He has his law office at No. 30 East Beverley, while his photographic studio is situated in a corner location at No. 29 North Central Avenue. The Central Avenue structure is 20 by 78 feet in area, and Mr. Kivlighan occupies two floors of it in connection with his photographic work, while his studio proper, measuring 30 by 40 feet, is in an adjoining building. He employs eight people at the studio, and carries a complete line of cameras and equipment. He draws his clientele from all parts of western Virginia.

The Kivlighan family is one of the most prominent ones in Staunton. His father was an organizer of the White Star Mills and president of the Augusta National Bank until his death, December 12, 1942. The maternal grandparents were William and Anna (Collins) Wholey. Michael E.

Kivlighan's brothers and sisters occupy prominent positions in the Shenandoah Valley, each in a unique way doing much to maintain the fine family tradition in this area.

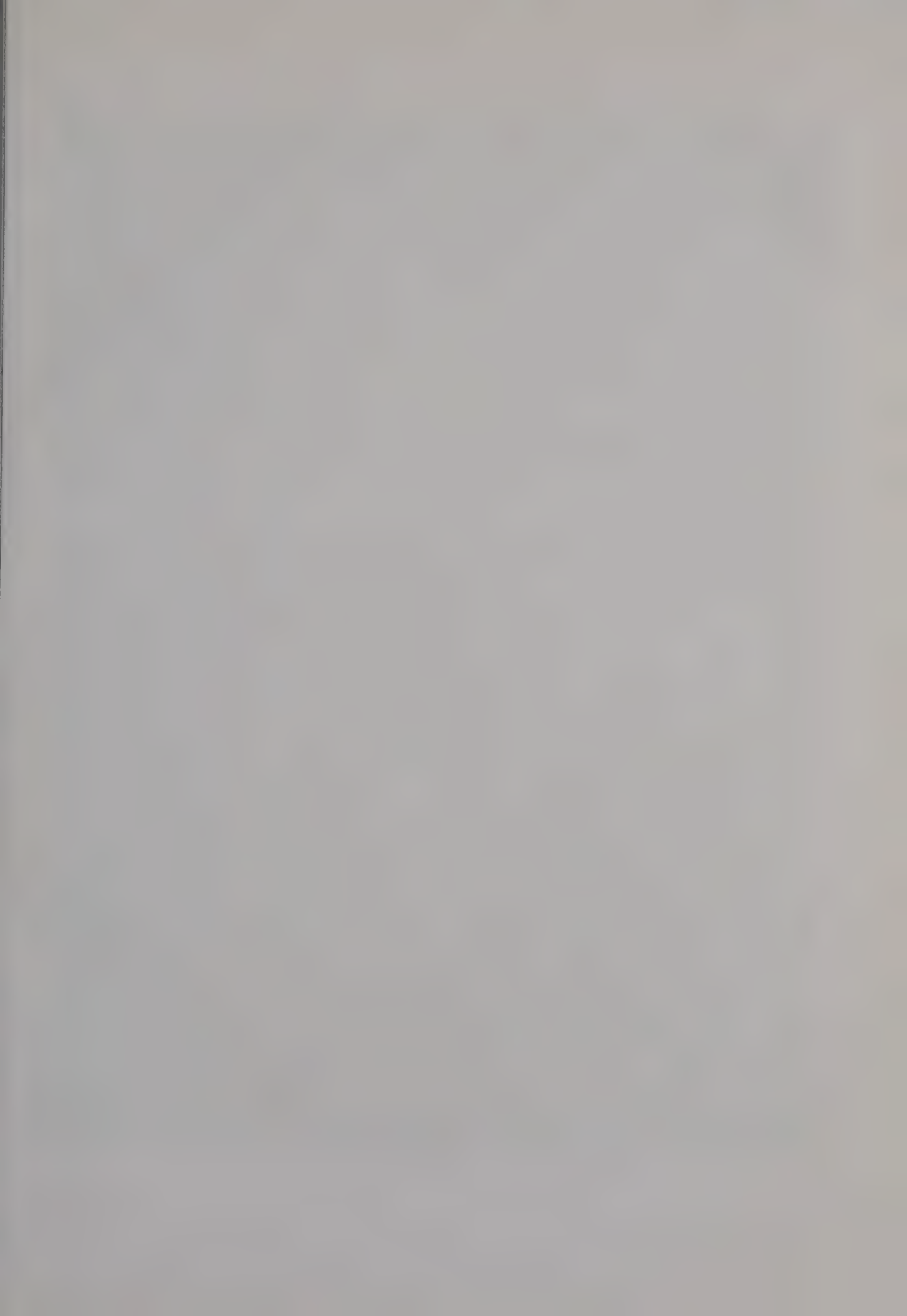
Michael E. Kivlighan married, November 25, 1941, Kathryn Lineweaver, of Staunton, daughter of Richard L. and Kathryn (Wise) Lineweaver. Mrs. Kivlighan is a graduate of Mary Baldwin College. The Kivlighans have both taken a deep interest in Staunton affairs, and Mr. Kivlighan served here as instructor in the Naval Air Corps V-5 Program from 1943 to 1945, during World War II.

FITZHUGH ELDER, JR., Commonwealth Attorney for the city of Staunton, is a leading practitioner at the Bar of Staunton and Augusta County.

Descended from some of the oldest Virginia families, May, Fitzhugh and Harrison, and with roots extending far back into the Colonial period, Fitzhugh Elder, Jr., was born January 29, 1917, in Staunton, Virginia, the son of Fitzhugh and Sophia (Luttgen) Elder, and a grandson of Thomas Claybrook and Anna Fitzhugh (May) Elder. The paternal grandfather, Thomas Claybrook Elder, was born in Lunenburg County, Virginia, April 16, 1834, and died in Staunton, Virginia, November 20, 1904; he served in the Confederate Army with the rank of major and was paroled at Appomattox with the remnant of Lee's army. After the war, Major Elder moved his family to Staunton and subsequently with his oldest son, Fitzhugh, established the well-known law firm of Elder & Elder, and no two names in the legal profession have been associated with finer reputations and have connoted more sound legal talents. Fitzhugh Elder was born in Lunenburg County, Virginia, September 30, 1865, and died in Staunton, Virginia, September 21, 1930.

Fitzhugh Elder, Jr., attended public school in Staunton, the Episcopal High School in Alexandria, Virginia, and the Staunton Military Academy. For his law studies he went to the University of Virginia and in 1941 he established his practice of law in Staunton. His appointment to the position of Commonwealth Attorney came early in 1945 when he was named to fill the unexpired term of the late Herbert J. Taylor. Mr. Elder is not the first of his name to fill the chair of Commonwealth Attorney in Staunton. His grandfather, Major Elder, occupied the post from 1873 until he refused re-election in 1880.

Mr. Elder is a member and vestryman of Trin-





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ity Episcopal Church. He is a director of the Augusta National Bank, a past president of the Staunton Kiwanis Club, a Mason and belongs to the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity.

On July 19, 1941, Fitzhugh Elder, Jr., married Genevieve Louise Benckenstein of Beaumont, Texas, a daughter of Leonard J. and Elaine (Lock) Benckenstein, a family prominent in the early development of the Louisiana-East Texas oil fields. Mrs. Elder attended Hockaday School, Dallas, Texas, the University of Texas and Mary Baldwin College; she is a member of Pi Beta Phi Sorority. Mr. and Mrs. Elder have two children: Elaine Lock, born September 4, 1943, and Fitzhugh III, born February 23, 1946.

MARION TRAMMELL HOLLIS of Martinsburg, West Virginia, has been successfully engaged in automobile sales for over a quarter of a century. He is president of the Trammell Hollis agency, which holds the franchise for Chevrolet and Oldsmobile cars in Martinsburg, and active in a utilities concern and a bank, for he is recognized as one of his city's ablest business men.

Mr. Hollis was born December 14, 1893, in Gerardstown, West Virginia, in which community he still resides. His parents were Joseph Marion and Cora Lee (Trammell) Hollis, who died within a year of each other, his mother in 1933 and his father in 1934. J. Marion Hollis followed the occupation of farming, and was a well-educated man, being a graduate of the University of Maryland. Trammell Hollis' education was begun in the public schools of his native Gerardstown, and he attended Shepherd College for parts of five semesters, as a special student. He later took courses in business administration in Martinsburg Business College.

Mr. Hollis' first experience in the business world was in the automotive field. He was associated with the Vehicle Company of Martinsburg, retail outlet for the Auburn Wagon Company. From 1916 until August 13, 1924, he was engaged in business in his own right as a partner in Henshaw, Hollis and Company, orchardists and distributors of farm supplies. On the date above mentioned, he inaugurated his own automobile sales business by acquiring the Chevrolet franchise for Berkeley County.

Opening his Chevrolet agency with only two employees, Mr. Hollis embarked on a successful career of automobile retailing. He had taken over the Chevrolet agency from the Jones-Griffith

Company, and with it fifty-seven 1924-model touring cars, five roadsters, one sedanette, and one new dump truck. The preponderance of open cars, which then dominated the automobile market, will be noted. Another contrast with today's models was the fact that all of these first vehicles which Mr. Hollis sold were a staid black in color. All were disposed of before the end of the year, indeed four had been purchased on the first day of business. One of these first four was repurchased by Mr. Hollis several years ago, and is now an honored display piece in his garage. Starting with Mr. Hollis in his enterprise twenty-five years ago was Bernard T. Butts, who has continued to serve the organization loyally ever since, and is now general manager of the Trammell Hollis organization. James S. Dailey, now operating his own automotive dealership elsewhere in the city, was another of his associates when the business opened its doors under the present management.

Within two years, Mr. Hollis' expanding enterprise required more floor space, and he moved in that year (1926) to the Hodgson Building on Winchester Avenue. Five years later he occupied the Pine Garage building, and has remained there since. During his twenty-five years of operation, Mr. Hollis' agency has sold more than twenty-five thousand new and used automobiles—an average of one thousand cars per year. He acquired the Oldsmobile franchise for his region on October 13, 1930, and has continued both Chevrolet and Oldsmobile sales to the present time. In addition, it is the proprietor's justified claim that the Trammell Hollis Organization offers "Every Known Automotive Service". His payroll has kept pace with the expansion of his volume of business, and he at present employs fifty-five persons. To their assistance through the years, and to the good will and patronage of his customers, Mr. Hollis thus paid tribute in an article appearing in the columns of the "Martinsburg Journal" on the occasion of his twenty-fifth anniversary in the automobile business:

If it had not been for the wonderful co-operation of the public and the loyalty of our employees, the measure of success we have attained would have been impossible. The people of Martinsburg and the Eastern Panhandle have treated us wonderfully and we of the organization desire to express our heartfelt thanks.

Recalling the early days and the early trials of the agency's existence, the article cited above recounted:

... On the first models bumpers were considered an extra accessory and the Chevrolet of 1925 had the old-type cantilever springs. One of the difficulties in operation of the early cars was a grabbing clutch which, if not controlled, would start the car off in broad jump fashion. To partially rectify this, Hollis and Butts hit upon the idea of furnishing each auto purchaser with a box of what was called "Fuller's Earth", a special soil preparation. Whenever the car started to jump, the driver would get underneath and throw some of this dirt on the clutch band to provide temporary relief.

Trammell Hollis, Inc., became incorporated on August 3, 1948. Department heads in today's organization are: Roy C. Grove, sales manager; Albert Schneider, accountant; Carl Dick, parts and accessories manager; and Arthur Butts, service manager. The garage, which is the nucleus of the organization, contains fifty thousand square feet of floor space, and is the largest on U. S. Route 11 between Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and Roanoke. The growth of the organization from the small agency located in the Heller Building on West King Street, has been gratifying to Mr. Hollis and all associated with him, and it is recognized throughout his community that his sound knowledge, business ability, and reliable, ethical practices have brought him a deserved success.

The Trammell Hollis organization has not been Mr. Hollis' only commercial achievement. He also is associated with Tuscarora Motors, Inc., as he has been since 1932, when he acquired the Buick franchise. He thus has the dealership for three of the General Motors cars which are leaders in their respective price brackets. In 1934, he also became consignee in Berkeley and Jefferson counties for the Texas Oil Company. Mr. Hollis is an aviation enthusiast qualified to pilot his own plane. He is a director of the Potomac Light and Power Company, and also a director of the Old National Bank. He is a leader in organizations of his colleagues in the automotive trade, being a director of the Automobile Dealers Association of West Virginia, and West Virginia director of the National Automobile Dealers Association. He is regional vice-president of the West Virginia organization.

Mr. Hollis finds in agriculture a profitable avocation. Starting in 1937 in a small way, he became interested in the breeding of Hereford cattle, and now has a registered herd of two hundred and fifty on his nine-hundred-acre Prospect Hill Farms. He exhibits at many cattle shows throughout the nation, and has often won the blue ribbon, indicating first prize. He has taken an

active interest, too, in community affairs, devoting much of his time to diversified projects of a worthy nature.

Fraternally, Mr. Hollis is affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Blue Lodge, the Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons, The Council, Royal and Select Masters, and the Commandery of the Knights Templar. He has attained the Thirty-second degree, and is a member of Osiris Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a charter member of the Kiwanis in Martinsburg, and is a communicant of the Presbyterian Church, serving that religious body as deacon. In his politics, he is an Independent Democrat.

Mr. Hollis' foremost hobby, although a quiet one, has attracted considerable attention in his community. It is the collecting of newspapers published in the early years of our country's history. All of these, with a single exception, were published during the administrations of John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, and considerable emphasis is given, in them, to such national matters as the Louisiana Purchase and the Twelfth Amendment. In the collection are issues, dated in 1801 and 1803, of the "Federal Gazette and Baltimore Daily Advertiser"; several Martinsburg, Charles Town, and Winchester papers of the same era; and three complete bound volumes of the Washington "Federalist" for 1810, 1811 and 1812. Other cities represented by papers covering the first four years of the Nineteenth Century are Richmond, Virginia; Pittsburgh, Carlisle, and Chambersburg, Pennsylvania; Fredericktown, Maryland; Scioto, Ohio; Alexandria, Virginia; New London, Connecticut. There are a number of early Baltimore papers, among them the "Democratic Republican and Commercial Daily Advertiser"; the "Republican or Anti-democrat"; and the "Telegraph and Daily Advertiser". The single paper which does not belong to this early period is an "extra" of the New York "Herald" published on Saturday, April 15, 1865, bearing news of the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln. There are many indications in these papers of the continuing influence of English journalism: the classified advertising on the first page, the British modes of expression and spelling. The latter in particular seems archaic to modern eyes; and the old-style long "s" is prevalent. The backlog of Mr. Hollis' collection has been in the Hollis family for four generations, and its history is thus accounted for in the columns of the "Martinsburg Journal":

When the Hollis home was built at Gerardstown (then Middle Town) during Revolutionary War days, by William P. Wilson, of Richmond, Virginia, Wilson used to send a Negro boy to the junction at Inwood to meet visitors from points such as Pittsburgh and Richmond. They would be invited to the Wilson home and usually had a copy of a paper which was left behind when they departed and was saved.

Hollis' grandfather, Captain Joseph W. Hollis, acquired the estate in 1838, and the papers, which were in the attic of the house, came into his possession. When his son, J. Marion Hollis, came into ownership of the property, the papers also became his.

These journals have recently been of value in providing historical data, during research in West Virginia history conducted by the University of West Virginia.

At Martinsburg, November 9, 1915, Marion Trammell Hollis married Elizabeth Henshaw of that city, daughter of Edgar C. and Sally (Lingamfelter) Henshaw. Mr. and Mrs. Hollis are the parents of a son, Trammell Henshaw, born December 17, 1916. He graduated from Martinsburg High School and Massanutten Academy, and received his degree of Bachelor of Arts from the University of Alabama, after which he attended the Sons of Dealers School, sponsored by General Motors, Chevrolet Division. He served with distinction during World War II as a member of the United States Army Air Corps, completing twenty-five missions over the European Theater on a bomber. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, Oak Leaf Cluster, and Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters. At the time of his honorable discharge in 1946, he held the rank of sergeant. Trammell Henshaw Hollis has been twice married. He married, first, Mary Morgan of Detroit, by whom he is the father of one child, Mary Morgan Hollis. He married, second, Mrs. Patricia Wilson Sharpless, and they are the parents of a son, Michael. Trammell H. Hollis is now president and owner of Tuscarora Motors, Inc., which holds the franchise for the sale of Buick cars in his district.

RAYBURN RALPH GRIFFITH — For somewhat more than a quarter of a century, Rayburn Ralph Griffith has been identified with the insurance business in Front Royal, currently as the head of the Rayburn R. Griffith Insurance Company. Down through the years he has won high standing with colleagues and clients, not alone for his acumen, enterprise and integrity, but likewise in the city is esteemed for his deep and construc-

tive interest in the promotion of the best interests of the community.

Mr. Griffith was born at Marion Center, Pennsylvania, on January 3, 1895, son of Charles Cooper and Martha (McConaughy) Griffith, both of whom are deceased. His father died in 1930, his widow survived him for a decade. Rayburn Ralph Griffith left the Front Royal High School to engage in farming in Warren County, but for several years was associated with the Homer City Company, of Homer City, Pennsylvania. In 1922, Samuel Gardner Allen, former postmaster of Front Royal during the administrations of Presidents Calvin Coolidge and Herbert Hoover, launched the S. G. Allen Insurance Agency, in the city, with Mr. Griffith as his right-hand man. With the death of the senior partner twenty years later, Mr. Griffith took over the firm and since 1942 it has functioned as R. R. Griffith, Insurance. The company engages in a wide type of business, and represents such nationally outstanding corporations as the Pennsylvania Lumbermen's Mutual Fire Insurance Company, the Hartford Mutual Insurance Company, the Norfolk and Dedham Mutual Insurance Company, the Iowa Hardware Mutual Insurance Company, the Lititz Mutual Insurance Company, Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Loudoun County, and the Shelby Mutual Casualty Company.

Mr. Griffith is an established figure in his line of activity, serving customers of long standing, and is progressive in the extension of his clientele. In politics he is influential in the councils and campaigns of the Republican Party. He is the secretary of the Warren County Republican Committee, and serves on the board of assessors of the county. He belongs to the Virginia-Washington Mutual Insurance Agents Association, and is active in the Front Royal Lions Club. His religious affiliations are with the Episcopal Church.

On October 23, 1920, at Washington, D. C., Rayburn R. Griffith married Leona Allen of Front Royal, daughter of Samuel Gardner and Leona (Essex) Allen, both of whom are deceased. Her father, who died in February, 1942, served as postmaster of Front Royal during the administrations of Presidents Calvin Coolidge and Herbert Hoover. Mr. and Mrs. Griffith are the parents of one son: Rayburn Allen, who was born September 1, 1922; he is a graduate of Warren County High School, Randolph-Macon Academy, and attended Randolph-Macon College. During World War II, he enlisted in the United States Army Air Force, and served for three years at Atlanta Air

Base, Atlanta, Ga., receiving his honorable discharge in 1946 with the rank of sergeant. He is now a student at the Shenandoah Conservatory of Music, Dayton, Virginia, class of 1950.

CHESTER CLINTON HOUSH—Centering his activities in Elkton, Chester Clinton Housh is engaged in turkey raising on a large scale. In 1948, as leading producer of white turkeys, he presented a beautiful turkey from "East Point Farm" to President Harry S. Truman. He has raised 200,000 "apartment-size" turkeys in a single season.

Mr. Housh was born August 17, 1886, in Knox County, Illinois, son of Edgar Lafayette and Leona Belle (Liebolt) Housh. His father, a bank cashier and civic leader in Maquon, Illinois, was for many years a prominent breeder of trotting horses and pacers. The mother was head of the Pythian Sisters of Illinois for five years.

Public schools of Knox County, Illinois, provided Chester Clinton Housh's early education, and in 1908 he was graduated from Knox College with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. After leaving school he took up writing on a free-lance basis, preparing articles which appeared in such publications as "American Magazine", "Country Life", and numerous farm magazines. For five years he served as agricultural superintendent of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad and the Duluth and Iron Range Railroad, so continuing until 1918. From 1919 to 1924 he was engaged in agricultural extension work in West Virginia, and taught at the Potomac State Junior College, in Keyser, West Virginia, combining teaching with the agricultural extension work. His first active poultry farming venture took place on Maryland's Eastern Shore where he raised broilers and turkeys. From 1932 to 1944 he was with the Farm Security Administration and the Resettlement Administration, becoming extensively engaged in moving farmers from the Shenandoah Park area and re-establishing them on farms elsewhere in the Valley.

In 1942 he began raising white turkeys at his own farm in Elkton. Starting with 500 turkeys, he has become the largest producer of "Beltsville Whites" in the world. Two hundred thousand "Beltsville Whites" were grown in 1950. Associated with Mr. Housh are his son, Chester C. Housh, Jr., and R. Baker Jones. Mr. Jones formerly was a coordinator for the National Poultry Improvement Plan and is well-known throughout the United States. Poults and eggs

have been shipped to almost every state in the Union, to France, South America and other foreign countries. "Broad Breasted Bronze" are also grown and in one shipment 12,000 "Bronze" eggs were exported to Russia. One million and a half of turkey hatching eggs were handled in 1949.

"Beltsville Whites" weigh from nine to fourteen pounds and are small enough for the average family oven. Because of its size and extraordinary tenderness, it has met a market demand for a small family turkey. Turkey poults and eggs are produced from November to August 1st. The tremendous demand for turkey fryers, light roasters and family size turkeys has caused the lengthening of the laying season which may in a few years be a year round production. The "Beltsville Whites", at the age of twelve to fifteen weeks, with weights ranging from four and one-half to six pounds, are fried like chickens. Light roasters are fattened ahead of time and marketed when their weights reach six or seven pounds per hen or ten pounds per tom. More than 45,000 light roaster hens and toms were sold in 1948 by the Rockingham Poultry Market Co-operative, at Timberville, to a New York specialty company for canning purposes. This figure, too, has been stepped-up notably since that time. Many of the birds have been canned for CARE shipments overseas. Mr. Housh himself is particularly partial to the fried turkey, which he feels meets a demand for something a little bit different from the fried chicken.

The fine bird which he presented to President Truman in 1948 was extensively written up in "Time" and nationally known newspapers and magazines, and the cover of the November, 1949, issue of "Town and Country" was a picture taken of Housh farm turkeys. In the November issue of "Country Gentleman" was a feature article depicting the turkey raising operations. Mr. Housh is president of the Virginia Turkey Growers Association, a director of the National Turkey Federation and a director of the Virginia Poultry Association. He belongs to the Lions' Club and the Methodist Church of Elkton.

Chester Clinton Housh married, May 31, 1918, in St. Paul, Minnesota, Dorothy Catherine Hansen, daughter of Charles Howard and Meta Christine (Hansen) Hansen. They became the parents of two children: 1. Chester Clinton, Jr., born in Duluth, Minnesota, March 22, 1919. 2. Theo Carter, born on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, June 22, 1925.

HARRY E. SCHOENHUT—One of the leading businessmen of Staunton, Harry E. Schoenhut is president of the Oscar Nebel Hosiery Corporation, manufacturers of women's nylon and cotton hose.

Mr. Schoenhut was born October 1, 1889, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, son of Albert and Emily (Langbein) Schoenhut. His father was born in 1849 in Goeppingin, Germany, studied in schools there, and early became engaged in toy manufacturing, inventing the first toy piano, and carried on a toy manufacturing business until his death in 1912. He came to the United States in 1865, and settled in Philadelphia. His wife was born in that city. They became the parents of eight children, three of whom are now deceased.

Harry E. Schoenhut, Sr., the next to the youngest of the eight children of his parents, studied in Philadelphia public schools and at Delancey Preparatory School, then spent three years at the Industrial Art School in Philadelphia, later finishing his work at the Academy of Fine Arts in that city. He designed and modeled character dolls, which were made of wood, continuing in that line of work until he took up hosiery manufacture in 1932. It was in that year that he took over the Oscar Nebel Hosiery organization.

Oscar Nebel originally organized this company in 1925 in Hatboro, Pennsylvania. Mr. Nebel, the founder, was also of German birth, born in Burkhardtshof, Saxony, and died in 1934. He worked in hosiery mills from the age of thirteen in his native land, and, after coming to the United States in 1910, he settled in Brooklyn, where he was employed by the Julius Kayser organization. After a year with them, he was active for several years with Philadelphia hosiery mills before organizing his own business in 1914. In 1923 Mr. Nebel sold his interest to the Gotham Hosiery Company. After two years of retirement he organized the Oscar Nebel Hosiery Company, in Hatboro. At the time that Mr. Schoenhut took over the business in 1932, Mr. Nebel had already given it standing as a leading manufacturing enterprise in this industry, having been the first American company to make fancy lace and clocked hose. Mr. Schoenhut had been one of the stockholders in the business from 1928, and in 1932 when he took over management of it, he became president of the organized company. The enterprise prospered under his guidance, and three factories were opened. The Winchester plant, started in 1936, was later closed. The Staunton unit opened in 1937, and it today handles weaving operations.

The third plant, established in Verona in 1938, is the dyeing and finishing branch of the company. Both the Staunton and Verona plants are housed in fine modern brick buildings, and are equipped with the finest obtainable machinery. The two plants together employ 200 people. Prior to World War II, the three plants employed as many as 500. The officers of the Oscar Nebel Hosiery Corporation are: H. E. Schoenhut, Sr., president; Robert J. Freitag, vice-president; Harry S. Mesirov, secretary; and Harry E. Schoenhut, Jr., treasurer. The company's products are sold throughout the United States and are also exported.

Harry E. Schoenhut, Sr., married Olga F. Dorfner, of Philadelphia. They became the parents of two children: 1. Harry E., Jr., born June 12, 1921, in Elkins Park, Pennsylvania, graduated from Dartmouth College in 1943 as a Bachelor of Arts and in 1947 as a Master of Arts in business administration; he served as lieutenant, junior grade, in the Navy Supply Corps and aboard a destroyer escort; he was in the service for two and one-half years until honorably discharged in 1946, whereupon he completed his studies at Dartmouth; he is a member of the Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity and the Lutheran Church. 2. O. Phyllis, graduated from art school; wife of J. Roundtree, who was assistant city manager of Staunton until he became city manager at Narrows, Giles County, Virginia.

LOUIS S. CRISP—As district manager of the Continental Life Insurance Company in Staunton, Louis S. Crisp serves a territory covering the whole of the Shenandoah Valley.

Mr. Crisp was born September 22, 1901, in Pitt County, North Carolina, son of Sellers M. and Anne (Gorham) Crisp and member of an old and noted family. His paternal grandfather, Silas Crisp, was born in Edgecombe County, North Carolina, and early became active as a planter. He was also a soldier of the Confederacy during the War Between the States. He married Sally Edwards, and they became the parents of Sellers M. Crisp. Merchant and farmer by occupation, Sellers Crisp married Anne Gorham. Both of them are now deceased. Anne was a daughter of Henry and Josephine (Cherry) Gorham and a descendant of John Gorham, immigrant ancestor of the line in America, who came from England and settled in Plymouth, Massachusetts, in 1620. The Gorhams who have distinguished themselves in the silver industry are of the same descent. Sellers M. and Anne (Gorham) Crisp became the parents of seven children.

One of these was Louis S. Crisp, who attended Blackstone Military Academy, in Blackstone, Notoway County, Virginia, completing his studies there in 1919. He then became a student at North Carolina State College, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Science in Textile Engineering. For five years thereafter Mr. Crisp was high school athletic coach. Then, in 1931, he entered insurance in association with the Continental Life Insurance Company, in Newport News, serving as a sales representative of the company. Subsequently he was manager of the Suffolk district, retaining his headquarters in Suffolk for ten years.

On January 1, 1948, he was transferred to Staunton, here to serve as district manager. His territory covers the whole Shenandoah Valley, and he is in charge of the operations of twenty insurance sales representatives. He is active in the work of professional, civic and social organizations. He belongs to the Lions' Club, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the National Association of Life Underwriters, the Kappa Sigma fraternity and the First Presbyterian Church.

Louis S. Crisp married Louise Massey, of Newport News, daughter of Leon W. and Martha M. (Fontaine) Massey, who was graduated from Westhampton (part of the University of Richmond, Virginia). Her father is a retired merchant, and the Massey family have been long-time residents of the Eastern Shore of Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Crisp became the parents of one son, William Gorham Crisp, born January 3, 1942.

JOE COLON SHANER, of Lexington, proprietor of the florist business which bears his name, continues in the third generation a family enterprise which has taken on various aspects with the changing times. It was established by his grandfather, Joseph F. Shaner, about 1865, as an ice business and truck gardening enterprise, and the latter branch of the endeavor grew into the present firm of Joe C. Shaner & Son, Florist.

Born April 25, 1898, in East Lexington, Joe C. Shaner is a son of William Jackson and Agnes (Root) Shaner. His grandfather was Joseph F. Shaner, who founded the enterprise long identified with the family name. William Jackson Shaner continued it as truck farmer and florist.

Joe C. Shaner has specialized in the latter aspect of his father's enterprises. He attended the Lexington High School, and has been identified with the family interests since that time. In the fall of 1931, on the death of his father, he became

sole owner of the florist shop at 15 West Washington Street, which is now operated under his name.

During World War I, Mr. Shaner enlisted for war-time service with the United States Army, and was assigned to the 339th Tank Corps at Gettysburg and Camp Dix.

He is a member of the Floral Telegraph Delivery Association. In religious denomination he is a Baptist, attending the church of that denomination in Lexington. Mrs. Shaner is a Methodist.

At Buena Vista, September 14, 1926, Joe Colon Shaner married Lolita Rogers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Rogers. Mr. and Mrs. Shaner are the parents of two children, both born at Lexington: 1. Joe C., Jr., born March 23, 1928. 2. Ann Rogers, born November 16, 1931.

J. AUBREY POTTER — "CONCRETE and CINDER BLOCKS. When you buy concrete and cinder blocks from us, you buy a quality product. Our blocks have been used in the construction of many of the important buildings in Staunton and Augusta County. J. AUBREY POTTER. BLOCK PLANT." So reads an advertisement in one of the papers at Staunton, a full story in itself. Mr. Potter's name has always been associated with quality in the Valley, quality of workmanship, judgment, planning, and materials used in the construction work he has done or materials he has sold through his plant and yard. He has erected a bank, numerous residences, churches and commercial structures and industrial plants. In World War I, he worked with a concern that built Army camps; in World War II, he was with the United States Army Corps of Engineers, as chief concrete inspector in the district. He is well known in Staunton's civic life. Mr. Potter was born in Staunton on December 1, 1889, the son of Joseph E. and Serena (Allen) Potter. Joseph E. Potter, a native of Rockbridge County, was a carpenter and the son of John Potter, a farmer. The mother was born in Amherst County, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alec Allen. Alec Allen fought in the War Between the States under General Lee.

J. Aubrey Potter received all his formal education in a rural school near his birthplace. Later, he studied engineering with the International Correspondence Schools. He was still quite young when he began learning the carpenter's trade as a helper to his father. When he emerged from his apprenticeship, he went to work for a Mr. Lawrence in the construction field in Staunton. Sub-



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sequently, he was employed by the Virginia Lumber Company for a time. Still later, he was with the W. B. Johnson Company, masonry contractors, with whom he learned how to work in cement, stone and tile. In 1915, he organized his own firm, and since that time has been a construction contractor. He has built many of Staunton's medium-priced and better homes, as well as the bank, churches and commercial and industrial structures. His beginnings were small, but from time to time he employs as many as seventy-five persons on his projects. In 1940, he organized the J. Aubrey Potter Block Plant at Staunton and associated with him in the business are his son-in-law, Harold W. Burns, his son, J. Aubrey Potter, Jr., and Gilpin Wilson, Jr. Here he manufactures ready-mixed concrete and concrete and cinder blocks. These he uses in his own construction jobs and sells to other builders. In World War I he was with the J. G. White Engineering Company in the construction of Army camps. His World War II service, as previously noted, was more official, with the U. S. District Engineers. He is active in the Knights of Pythias and in the United Brethren Church of Staunton. Though always active in civic undertakings, he has consistently refused public office offered him. Like all the members of his family and his ancestors (the family in America, of English descent on both sides, dates back to Revolutionary Days), he is interested in progress and the public welfare, but finds sufficient opportunity to serve the community outside public office.

J. Aubrey Potter married Beatrice Watson, born in Texas and the daughter of James H. and Laura (Stevenson) Watson. They are the parents of three children: 1. Audrey, born on June 27, 1911, at Staunton. Educated in Staunton's elementary and high schools, she is now the wife of Harold W. Burns, a native of Idaho, and the mother of Harold Wright, Jr., born in 1935, and Sharyn Elizabeth, born in 1945, both at Staunton. 2. Beatrice Arline, born on June 5, 1917, who was also educated in Staunton's public schools. She is the wife of Harry Cook of Newcastle, Pennsylvania, and their children, both born at Staunton, are Elaine, born in 1947, and Martha Ann, born in 1949. 3. J. Aubrey Potter, Jr., born on July 3, 1925, who was educated in Staunton's schools, Virginia Polytechnic Institute, and Bridgewater College. He served three years as a radio technician with the armed forces in the Pacific Theater of Operations in World War II, and is mar-

ried to Betty Linzey of Staunton. Both he and Mr. Cook own a share in the block plant.

SAMUEL GODFREY HENKEL—One of the most popular figures of recent years in the life of Staunton was Samuel Godfrey Henkel, who trained as a physician, but whose most notable accomplishments were in the field of business. Devoted to the cause of his community, Mr. Henkel became one of its best-loved citizens.

The family name which Mr. Henkel bore has been one of the most distinguished in the history of the Luthern Church in America. The founder of the family on these shores was Jacob Anthony Henkel, a student his life long, and a man of noble family antecedents. He had been court preacher in one of the German kingdoms which existed independently before the establishment of the present German nation. In 1675, Jacob Anthony Henkel brought his family to America and settled near Philadelphia. He is credited with having built the Lutheran Church at New Hanover, Virginia, which was probably the first German Lutheran Church in America. One of his seven children was Rev. John Justus Henkel, also a Lutheran clergyman, who lived for a time in Rockingham County and later in Pendleton County, Virginia. John Justus Henkel and his wife, Christina, reared a large family of children. His oldest son, Rev. Jacob Henkel, of the same profession as his father and grandfather, lived in Loudoun and Hampshire counties, Virginia, also in Maryland, and finally in Hardy County, in what is now West Virginia. He married Mary Teeter, daughter of George Teeter.

The oldest son of Rev. Jacob and Mary (Teeter) Henkel was Rev. Paul Henkel, who was born in North Carolina, December 15, 1754, and accompanied the family to Virginia in 1760. Rev. Paul Henkel located, in 1790, in New Market in the Shenandoah Valley, which has been the home of one branch of the Henkels for more than a century. He organized the Lutheran Church at New Market in 1794, and continued active in the ministry until his death in 1825. Rev. Paul Henkel married Elizabeth Negley. They had six sons, and five of them were Lutheran ministers.

The only son of Paul Henkel who did not follow the profession which during the course of the years had become closely associated with the family name, was the eldest of the children, Dr. Solomon Henkel. He was born November 10, 1777, lived at New Market, and for some years was practically the only competent physician in

his region. He frequently rode horseback to attend to his practice for a distance of one hundred miles. In addition to his prominence as a physician in a time when such professional men were most highly valued in these emergent states, Dr. Solomon Henkel was also associated with the Henkel Printing House at New Market, founded in 1806 and still conducted by members of the family. Dr. Henkel died August 31, 1847. His wife was Rebecca Miller of Winchester, Virginia.

Their son, Dr. Samuel Godfrey Henkel, was born February 12, 1807. He too studied medicine, succeeded to the practice of his father, and was noted as a man of great learning and ability in medical circles. He married Susan Koiner, and they left many descendants.

A son of this pioneer physician, Samuel Godfrey Henkel, was Dr. Abram Miller Henkel, who was born at Staunton, October 13, 1843. He graduated from the medical department of the University of Virginia, and from the University of New York, and he served as an interne in what is now Bellevue Hospital in that metropolis. In 1869 Dr. Abram M. Henkel began the practice of his profession of surgery at Staunton, and to the end of his life ranked as one of the most skillful surgeons in this part of the state. For many years he was division surgeon for the Baltimore and Ohio and for the Chesapeake and Ohio railways, and he was likewise local examining surgeon for as many as seventeen life insurance companies. He was also a director of the Farmers and Merchants Bank in Staunton. Dr. Abram Miller Henkel was a vestryman in the Trinity Episcopal Church at Staunton for many years. He died April 19, 1904. By his marriage to Virginia Moore he was the father of one child, Samuel Godfrey, of whom further.

Samuel Godfrey Henkel, born in Staunton July 18, 1884, was named for his grandfather, Dr. Samuel Godfrey Henkel. He early directed his attention to the studies leading to the profession followed by both his father and his grandfather, but prior to his advanced studies completed courses at the Virginia Military Institute. For three years and nine months thereafter, Mr. Henkel pursued medical studies at the University of Virginia, and left that school just three months before his graduation, called to Staunton by the death of his father. He did not return to take his medical degree, but devoted himself profitably and constructively to practical affairs, in which direction his energies were pointed by the necessity of his management of the estate left by his

father. Mr. Henkel had extensive interests as a farmer and fruit grower, turning to good advantage his ownership of considerable productive soil in the Shenandoah Valley.

He took an active part likewise in community affairs, was a member of the Rotary Club, and a vestryman of the Trinity Episcopal Church. As a Rotarian, he was for two years secretary of the local club.

On October 18, 1905, Samuel Godfrey Henkel married Bessie Worthington, daughter of J. Harry and Liza (Stanhope) Worthington, both of Frederick, Maryland. In 1890, J. Harry Worthington and his brother came to Staunton from Frederick, which had been the birthplace of many generations of their ancestors. Here their immigrant ancestor, Captain John Worthington, an Englishman, had settled, and the family had continued to live in Frederick, where it had flourished and been successful. It was in that county that John T. Worthington, father of J. Harry and Clarke Worthington, was born, and where he passed his useful life. It was said of him that "he set his sons a fine example of right living and honorable business endeavor, and they have followed in his footsteps."

At the time they settled in Staunton, J. Harry and Clarke Worthington entered upon a rewarding venture in the form of a wholesale and retail hardware house, known since its founding in 1890 as the Worthington Hardware Company. It early became one of the successful business concerns of the growing city of Staunton, and earned a reputation for fair dealing and dependability. It carried a general line of hardware, and has enjoyed a growing and uninterrupted trade. Both of the founding brothers belonged to the Trinity Episcopal Church of Staunton. In addition to being president of the Worthington Hardware Company, J. Harry Worthington became president of the National Valley Bank of Staunton, to which office he was elected in 1915, to succeed Edward Echols. The National Valley Bank is one of the old financial institutions of Augusta County, having been established in 1865, and is in a most flourishing condition, its resources in 1923 being \$3,155,000. During World War I, J. Harry Worthington served as chairman of the First Liberty Loan Committee of Staunton. Mrs. Henkel is active in the work of the Trinity Episcopal Church, and is a member of the Augusta Garden Club. She resides on North Augusta Street in Staunton.

Samuel Godfrey Henkel died February 22, 1943. He had represented the eighth generation of his

family to distinguish themselves in service to their community, was respected wherever he was known, and will long be remembered by the citizens of Staunton.

CHARLES PHILLIPS BLACKLEY—Operator of Radio Broadcasting Station WTON, in Staunton, Charles Phillips Blackley is recognized as one of this district's forward-looking and progressive-minded citizens. His contribution to his times has been noteworthy, and he will long render valuable service to this community, if present indications have any validity.

Mr. Blackley was born February 22, 1909, in Staunton, Virginia, son of George W. and Susie (Phillips) Blackley, both natives of this place. His paternal grandfather, James H. Blackley, a native of Scottsville, came to Staunton in 1854 and entered business as a grain and feed merchant. He served in the Confederate forces during the War Between the States. His son, George W. Blackley, carried on the feed and grain business. He married Susie Phillips, daughter of Dr. Charles C. and Mary (Kinsella) Phillips and member of an old American family. The first member of the Phillips family to settle in Virginia was an English sea captain, who selected Fredericksburg as his home. Dr. Richard Henry Phillips, Charles P. Blackley's great-grandfather, was born in Fredericksburg in 1810, but in 1848 removed to Staunton. He was an Episcopalian minister and was for nearly forty years principal of Stuart Hall, in Staunton. Because he was over age for combat duty during the War Between the States, he became manager of a uniform manufacturing establishment for the duration of hostilities, and both he and Mr. Blackley's paternal grandfather, James H. Blackley, were prisoners during the later period of the war. Dr. Richard Henry Phillips' son, Dr. Charles C. Phillips, was a medical practitioner. After receiving his medical training in New York, and meeting his wife, Mary Kinsella, in that city, he settled in Staunton to carry on here his professional work. His wife was a native New Yorker. It was their daughter, Susie Phillips, who became George W. Blackley's wife and the mother of their two children: 1. Charles Phillips, of further mention. 2. Mary Gilkeson.

Charles Phillips Blackley, the elder of the two, studied in Staunton public schools, then at Virginia Military Institute and Hampden-Sydney College. Upon completing his formal studies, he

was employed for a year by the Leader Publishing Company, then joined E. I. duPont de Nemours and Company, in Waynesboro, working in their laboratory. To satisfy his desire for travel, he joined the merchant marine, in which he remained for about six months. In 1935 he became associated with the Shenandoah Valley Broadcasting Company, in Harrisonburg, Virginia, remaining with them as manager of Radio Station WSVB from 1937 until he entered the armed services in April, 1944. He was with the Army Signal Corps two years during World War II, his duty being entirely inside the United States. After being honorably discharged, he returned to Staunton on January 1, 1946, to resume his civilian work with the radio broadcasting station that he had started.

The station was applied for in 1941 and it began functioning on March 9, 1946, on a frequency of 1,400 kilocycles. Employing nine workers, Station WTON has its power studio in West Beverly Street, and it covers all of Augusta County. It is affiliated with the American Broadcasting Company network.

In addition to his other activities, Mr. Blackley serves on the board of directors of the Staunton Rotary Club. He is an executive committeeman of King's Daughters Hospital, and also a member of the board of the Salvation Army. He is a member of the Phi Kappa Alpha fraternity and of the First Presbyterian Church. Esteemed as one of Staunton's popular young business men, Mr. Blackley takes a lively role in civic affairs in Staunton and vicinity.

Charles Phillips Blackley married Catherine Mathews, of Cambridge, Maryland, a graduate of Madison College, daughter of John W. and Lillie (Bennett) Mathews. She served during World War II in the general headquarters of the American Red Cross, in Washington, D. C. She is active in the work of the First Presbyterian Church. The Blackleys became the parents of one daughter, Susan Bennett Blackley, who was born November 21, 1947, at Staunton, Virginia.

O. KENNETH UPDIKE—Although himself a funeral director of less than a decade of experience, O. Kenneth Updike comes of a family that has been identified with the vocation for more than half a century, in Virginia. A veteran of World War II, he became associated with several funeral homes in Virginia in executive capacities until 1949, since when he has been the general

manager of Fred N. Henry Funeral Home, Inc., a leading undertaking firm of Staunton. To his post he brought high standards of service worthy of his father, and a devotion to his work that is highly appreciated in the community.

O. Kenneth Updike was born in Bedford County, Virginia, on July 24, 1917, son of O. Luther and May (Wills) Updike, both of whom are living. His father for more than fifty years has been in the undertaking business and currently is the owner and operator of the Updike Funeral Home of Huddleston, Virginia. O. Luther Updike is the son of Nathaniel Updike, an old-time cabinet maker, who married Hovie J. Martin. During the War Between the States he was a drill master in the Confederate Armed Forces, and was the son of Samuel Updike, who traced his ancestral lines to Holland Dutch forebears. May (Wills) Updike is the daughter of Thomas Wills, of Bedford County. There were three members of the immediate family: O. Kenneth, of whom further; Buford C., who is associated with his father in business; and Hatcher, now deceased.

After completing his formal education in the Bedford County schools, O. Kenneth Updike later studied at the Renouard Embalming College, New York City, in preparation for a career as a funeral director. In 1936 he was duly licensed in his profession and entered the employ of the W. D. Diuguid Company, at Lynchburg, who are one of the oldest funeral directors in the United States. It was after this apprenticeship that he went to New York City, and upon his return he became an embalmer for the Whitten Funeral Home, with which he remained until he joined the United States Navy and spent four years in World War II service, mainly as a chief pharmacist's mate with the American Hospital Corps in the South Pacific Theater of Operations. Upon receiving his honorable discharge from the service in 1945, he returned to the Whitten Company, continuing with them to July 1, 1946, when he joined the James V. Derry Chapel, at Norfolk, as vice-president and manager.

Since February, 1949, Mr. Updike has been manager of the Fred N. Henry Funeral Home, Inc., of Staunton. This is the enterprise of the late Fred N. Henry, a biography of whom accompanies this record, who founded it in May, 1947, when he acquired a fine and suitable house for a funeral home on Beverly Street, this city. He planned great improvements and, prior to his untimely death early in 1947, was well along with

his ideas. Following Mr. Henry's death Mr. J. Earl Zimmerman, of Craigsville, headed the firm for approximately two years and is still president of the corporation. The Home is exceptionally attractive; a lovely chapel seats more than a hundred, with organ, appointments and lighting in fine taste. No Home in this part of Virginia is more completely equipped or can offer more complete and gracious services. Two licensed embalmers, funeral coach, a flower car, ambulance, and several automobiles are always ready. The Home and its manager are noted for skilled service and unexcelled taste in the conduct of its affairs.

Mr. Updike is active in varied community circles as a member of the Lions Club and Young Men's Civic Club, and fraternally is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Loyal Order of Moose, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

On May 1, 1948, O. Kenneth Updike married Sue Owens of Gates, North Carolina, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Owens. Mrs. Updike is a graduate of Woman's College, Greensboro, North Carolina.

FRED N. HENRY—For nearly two decades Fred N. Henry was identified with the undertaking business in Staunton. During this long period he won a sound and favorable reputation for his skill, understanding and excellence of services rendered. Shortly before his passing he established the Fred N. Henry Funeral Home, Inc., a charming place converted to outstanding present uses. In civic life, Mr. Henry was a member of the Kiwanis Club, fraternally affiliated with the Knights of Pythias, the Free and Accepted Masons, and was a popular figure in the Volunteer Firemen. He worshipped in the Central Methodist Church, and was liberal in contributions to religious and charitable works.

Fred N. Henry was born in Staunton, Virginia, on January 23, 1908, son of Richard N. and Emma (Wakenight) Henry, both natives of the Shenandoah Valley. Their son was encouraged to acquire a sound education in the public schools, and he attended the Staunton grammar and high schools. Fred N. Henry entered the Renouard College of Embalming in New York City, where he received his diploma and became a licensed mortician, on November 2, 1929. That same year he entered the employ of Hamrick and Company, funeral directors. With this concern he remained until October, 1946, when he formed a corpora-



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tion which purchased a fine old, well-built house at 507 West Beverly Street, Staunton. As indicated, they converted this attractive residence into the Fred N. Henry Funeral Home, Inc., with all the modern equipment, burial supplies, a chapel accommodating more than a hundred persons, motor cars, and everything that would further the services he rendered the public. Unfortunately, Mr. Henry did not live to see the consummation of his plans, for his death occurred on January 14, 1947, greatly to the regret of the many persons who knew him well and esteemed him highly.

In 1932, Fred N. Henry married Natalie Foster of Charlottesville, Virginia, daughter of R. W. and Maymie (Coyner) Foster. She received her education in the grade and high schools of her birthplace, and Dunsmore Business College. Greatly interested in her husband's business, she serves as bookkeeper and receptionist of the Fred N. Henry Funeral Home, Inc. Mrs. Henry is the mother of a daughter, Sharon F., who was born October 23, 1945.

PARK WATSON PLUMLY—Life for Park Watson Plumly began on a farm and he has never been too far from the agricultural environment. But his career has been the rise from barefoot days to the ownership of a business so large that its products have national and international distribution. This is the P. W. Plumly Lumber Corp. at Winchester, Virginia, a firm manufacturing band-sawn hardwood lumber. For years he operated a large farm in adjoining Clarke County. His activities in manufacturing have made him an outstanding leader in Shenandoah Valley's industrial life. His prominence in lumber activities is nationwide.

Mr. Plumly was born in Barnesville, Ohio, on July 6, 1892, the son of Clyde H. and Katherine (Outland) Plumly. His father, who was a farmer and dairyman at Barnesville, died in February, 1945. His mother died in 1937. P. W. Plumly completed his education at the Barnesville High School. Until 1919 he remained on the family farm, working with his father in the general farming and dairy activities of the family. In 1919 Mr. Plumly entered his present field of business, founding the P. W. Plumly Lumber Company at Barnesville, Ohio. There he remained until December, 1931, when he moved his business to Petersburg, West Virginia. In November, 1934, he established the P. W. Plumly Lumber Corporation in Winchester, and he has been president

and general manager ever since. The firm specializes in walnut logs and lumber, oak, ash and poplar, heavy and long white oak timbers, sawed or hewn. It produces kiln dried lumber, hardwood trim, oak, maple, sycamore and walnut flooring, and general building supplies. Its dry kilns are considered among the finest in the United States. Twenty-four trucks of the highway liner type carry the products into all parts of the nation and to steamers bearing the products to Europe and England. More than 115 employees are on the payroll. Mr. Plumly owns fifty-eight acres at Winchester. The plant alone occupies five acres. On the land near the plant Mr. Plumly has created a housing project, which in 1950 consisted of more than thirty units, with more under way.

From 1943 to 1949 Mr. Plumly operated a 346-acre farm in Clarke County, growing hay and grain, and breeding livestock. He is vice-president and a director of the Shenandoah Manufacturers Association and prominent also in the National Hardwood Lumber Association, the Appalachian Manufacturers Association, the National Lumber Manufacturers Association, the Virginia Manufacturers Association and the Retail Builders Association of Virginia. His fraternal affiliation is with the Winchester Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and he is a member of the Methodist Church. In politics Mr. Plumly is an independent. Hunting and sports of all kinds are his hobbies. He sponsors local teams in soft ball, basketball, bowling and ping-pong.

Mr. Plumly married, first, January 14, 1914, Rae E. Lynn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. King Lynn of Barnesville, Ohio. On July 6, 1939, at Warrentown, Virginia, Mr. Plumly married, second, Ida May (Piatt) Dulaney, of Washington, Pennsylvania, daughter of Amos P. and Catherine A. (Rose) Piatt. They reside at 204 Beau Street, Winchester. Ida May (Piatt) Dulaney had one child by a previous marriage, Robert E. Dulaney, who married Gladys A. Byers and is the father of two children, Sally Aileen and Robert Sherwood. By his first marriage Mr. Plumly became the father of six children: 1. Herman Ross Plumly, a graduate of Barnesville High School, who married Esther Wellbaum and is the father of three children: Stanley Ross, Linda Darnell and Susan Elaine. 2. Paul Donald Plumly, also a graduate of the Barnesville High School, who is now assistant general superintendent of the P. W. Plumly Lumber Corporation. He served with the United States Navy Construction Battalion (Seabees) in the Aleutian Islands, the Philippines and

at New Guinea in World War II. He married Anna C. Norris and is the father of a son, Park Wesley. 3. Ruth Marguerite, another graduate of Barnesville High School. She is the wife of Walter McConaughy of Barnesville and the mother of Stephen Craig. 4. Marie, also a Barnesville High School graduate. She is the wife of Donald Parsons of Barnesville and the mother of Terry Duane. 5. Walter Dean Plumly, a graduate of Barnesville High School. After his return from the war, he attended Ohio State University at Columbus. He had served in the United States Army Medical Corps, with the rank of sergeant, and was stationed at various hospitals. He married Golda Searcy and has one son, Denis Wayne. 6. Lester Wayne Plumly, also a graduate of Barnesville High School and studied after the war at Ohio State University. In World War II he was with the United States Navy in the Aleutians. He married Shirley Deems.

WILLIAM H. GRIM—Engaged in the monument manufacturing business in Staunton, William H. Grim is recognized as one of this community's leading business men. The firm of Frank Grim and Sons has been in continuous operation here since 1892.

The founder of the enterprise, Frank Grim, son of Henry and Sally (Haines) Grim was born in 1863 in Winchester, Virginia. His father served in the Confederate Army during the War Between the States. Frank Grim himself, after attending Winchester schools, learned the monument making trade there, then came to Staunton in 1886 and was employed here by Captain Marquis, owner of a monument works. In 1892, after Captain Marquis' death, he bought the business from Mrs. Marquis and proceeded to conduct it in his own right. The original site was in Main Street, now known as Beverly Street. But gradually the Grim company outgrew its quarters, whereupon it removed to Augusta Street. There Mr. Grim carried on the business until larger quarters were again a necessity, whereupon the company came to its present site at No. 820 North Augusta Street in 1947. Here the Grims have an attractive building, 50 by 200 feet in area, established in a beautiful setting. They handle all types of granite and marble, including some imported materials. Frank Grim, founder of the business, was a member of one of the Shenandoah Valley's oldest families, having been descended from two brothers who came from Germany prior to the

Revolutionary War, one of whom settled in Virginia. His brother, Washington Grim, served as a color-bearer in Stonewall Jackson's Brigade during the Civil War. Frank Grim's mother, Mrs. Sally (Haines) Grim, was a daughter of George Henry and Hattie (Nulton) Haines.

Frank Grim admitted both his sons, Frank C. and William H. Grim, into the monument business. Frank C. Grim, the eldest of his eleven children, four of whom are now deceased, studied in Staunton schools, then learned the monument manufacturing business under his father's direction. He was born in Winchester, Virginia, in 1887, and is a member of the Stonewall Brigade Band, the Knights of Pythias and the Central Methodist Church. He married Effie Fauver, of Augusta County, Virginia, and they became the parents of two sons, both born in Staunton, Virginia: Harry, born February 3, 1911, and Dr. Kenneth Grim, born September 4, 1913.

William H. Grim, brother of Frank C. Grim and son of Frank Grim, was next to youngest of his parents' eleven children. He was born April 4, 1907, in Staunton, and attended schools here through the high school grades. He then studied drafting by taking courses with the International Correspondence School and studying directly under the guidance of his father. Admitted to the firm of Frank Grim and Sons, he continues with this organization down to the time of writing.

He is also active in civic affairs in Staunton, where he is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons and the Royal Arch chapter, in which he is a past high priest. He is an active Rotarian and chairman of the Youth's Service Committee. He belongs to Central Methodist Church.

William H. Grim married Elizabeth Morrison, of Staunton, Virginia, daughter of C. K. Morrison. They became the parents of the following children, born in Staunton, Virginia: 1. Betty, born in 1944. 2. Ruth Virginia, born in 1948.

HIEROME L. OPIE—For nearly a century and a half the Opie family have been residents of the Shenandoah Valley, and for nearly a century the name Hierome L. Opie has been associated with Staunton, Augusta County, Virginia. Each generation, and the families with which they have intermarried, has had its full quota of citizens who have achieved distinction in agriculture, industry, the professions, and in public service. The military tradition has run strong down the years. The first Colonel Hierome L. Opie gained his title in

post-Revolutionary times and his son, Captain John Newton Opie, in the War Between the States. The second colonel of the same full name won repute in the First World War, and the third Hierome L. Opie recently concluded his round of duty in the South Pacific Theater of War as an officer, World War II.

In colonial times the American forefather of the family, one Captain Thomas Opie, came from Bristol, England, and settled in Northumberland County, Virginia, about 1639. Another ancestor, the Rev. David Lindsay, father-in-law of Captain Thomas Opie, was a clergyman during this same period in the same district. According to family records, his wife, who was Helen Lindsay, was the direct descendant of the family of Lindsays of Crawford and Balcarres in Scotland.

Major Hierome L. Opie moved from Northumberland County to Jefferson County in 1812. He was a planter, served in the Virginia Senate, and represented the district of Jefferson and Frederick Counties in the Virginia convention of 1829-30, when the second constitution of the state was framed. He died in 1839. His son, Colonel Hierome Lindsay Opie, who married Anne Locke of Virginia, in 1856 moved with his family from Jefferson County to Staunton by wagon up the Valley Turnpike. He bought the estate known as "Selma" on the northern border of the town, with a handsome residence and that was his home at the outbreak of the War Between the States, which found him serving as adjutant general for the western district of Virginia.

Captain John Newton Opie, born in Jefferson County, on March 13, 1844, son of Colonel Hierome L. and Anne (Locke) Opie, was a student at the Staunton Academy, when at the age of seventeen he left to enlist in the local West Augusta Guards and shortly afterwards was rushed with Stonewall Jackson's Brigade to Harper's Ferry and the First Battle of Manassas. For gallantry in action he received a medal from his commander. Persuaded to return to his studies, he entered the Virginia Military Institute as a cadet to prepare himself for more effective service. With the conflict growing steadily larger and his father having died as the result of an accident in the military service, he joined the later famous "Clarke Cavalry," Twelfth Virginia Regiment, Stuart's Brigade. Wounded and sent to Staunton to recover, when the town was threatened by Federal troops, before he had fully recovered, he organized a large company of home guards for Davis' battalion, composed of old men and boys and dis-

abled soldiers. Putting himself at their head, he covered the retreat of the Confederate forces who had suffered defeat and the loss of their leader, General Jones, at the Battle of Piedmont, Augusta County. During the winter of 1864, while scouting Charlestown, in company with his friend and comrade-in-arms, Lieutenant Carter Berkeley, he was captured, and until after Appomattox was a federal prisoner at Elmira, New York.

Captain John Newton Opie spent the two decades following the end of the war farming near Staunton, studied law in the University of Virginia, and practiced ably to his death. He represented Augusta County in the Virginia House of Delegates in 1882-84, and was a State Senator from 1896 to 1904. He was the author in 1889 of "A Rebel Cavalryman with Lee, Stuart and Jackson," a volume of personal reminiscences, abounding in a wealth of anecdote and the charm of humor which, combined with historical accuracy, make it one of the permanent contributions to the war history of the state.

In October, 1866, Captain John Newton Opie married Isabel Harmon. He married (second), in October 1878, Ida Walton Fletcher. There were twelve children in the family. The death of Captain Opie occurred in Staunton, January 26, 1906.

Colonel Hierome L. Opie (second of the name and title), was born in Staunton, Virginia, on October 6, 1880, son of Captain John Newton and Ida (Fletcher) Opie. Educated in city schools, and early becoming an employee of a street railway, the outstanding feature of his career has been in the field of newspaper editing and publishing, where he became a widely honored figure over a long period prior to his demise on February 26, 1943. As the founder and long-time managing editor, publisher and president of the Leader Publishing Company, he wielded an immense influence in the life of the community. He considered himself not only a chronicler of the news and maintained progressive editorial policies, but identified himself constantly and effectively with city organizations—civic, educational, humanitarian and social. From his youth on he met the challenges of life with courage and enterprise and by his achievements made the lives of hundreds the richer for his exemplary citizenship and leadership. He was head of the Chamber of Commerce and an official of other business organizations; was active in the American Legion, and organized the Clemmer-McGuffin Post at Staunton. He was one of the initiators of the fish and game conservation move-

ments in the county, and was affiliated with several fraternal orders. He worshipped at Trinity Episcopal Church and served on the vestry there; he was liberal in his contributions to religious and charitable works. He was one of the original committee of five to launch the Shenandoah National Park Movement.

The military career of Colonel Opie covered a period of two decades. In 1899 he became a private in the West Augusta Guard. He was promoted to second lieutenant in 1905, in 1906 he was captain of the Staunton Rifles, and during 1916 he served on the Mexican Border, being mustered out January 16, 1917. Soon afterward he answered the call to the colors for World War I, being mustered into the National Army July 25, 1917. June 14, 1918, he went overseas as major, commanding the Third Battalion, One Hundred Sixteenth Infantry, which was a Virginia National Guard Regiment. He was wounded in the capture of Consenvoyne Woods and Montagne Woods. Subsequently he was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, the Chevalier of the Legion of Honor and the Croix de Guerre with two palms, Order of the Purple Heart, the Virginia Distinguished Service Medal and the Distinguished Service Medal of the Sons of the Revolution, the citation for these unusual honors reading: "During the action Major Opie displayed rare courage and valor, refusing relief (although wounded) until his own objective was consolidated." When, due to ill health he retired from active military duties, which had taken him to many countries, it was with the rank of brigadier-general.

He married Mary Eleanor Ranson, daughter of Captain Thomas D. and Mary Fontaine (Alexander) Ranson, both natives of Jefferson County, Virginia. Her mother, the daughter of Dr. William Fontaine and Anna Marie Thomasina (Washington) Alexander, was born March 12, 1846, and died March 6, 1885. Mrs. Opie's maternal grandparents were John Augustine Washington, who was born in 1792, died in 1832, and Jane C. (Blackburn) Washington. John Augustine Washington was the son of Corbin Washington, who was born in 1765, died in 1800, and Hannah (Lee) Washington, who was born in 1766, died in 1801, a daughter of Richard Henry Lee. Corbin Washington's father was John Augustine Washington who was the brother of the famous George Washington, President of the United States. Captain Thomas D. Ranson, father of Mrs. Opie, was the son of Colonel James Matthew Ranson and Mary Eleanor (Baldwin) Ranson, his mother born

March 23, 1817, and died September 15, 1880. Colonel James Matthew Ranson was born in Jefferson County in 1817, and died in 1892. In 1841 he married Mary Eleanor Baldwin; their son Thomas Davis, born May 19, 1843, died July 21, 1918; married April 12, 1871, Mary Fontaine Alexander, and they were the parents of: 1. Charlotte Alexander, born April 12, 1872, who married Herbert J. Taylor. 2. John Baldwin, born January 4, 1874, died March 30, 1905. 3. Maria Washington, born September 29, 1875, who married J. A. Glasgow (q.v.). 4. Mary Fontaine, born February 15, 1877, who married Alfred Jaffe. 5. Ella Straith, born June 29, 1879, married Dr. William Holmes Yeakley of Winchester, both now deceased. 6. Mary Eleanor, born June 6, 1882, who married Hierome L. Opie, of this record.

Mrs. Opie's mother died at Oakenwold, the family estate, on March 6, 1885, and her father married (second) Janetta Ravenscroft Harrison of West Hill; their children were: Thomas Davis, Jr., deceased; Margaret Randolph, who married James G. Cronise; Captain Henry Harrison Ranson, who died in 1947; he married Helen McArthur. Captain Ranson married (third) Margaret Fisher Warren of Richmond, and they had one son: Edward, who died in 1943.

By right of notable ancestry, Mrs. Opie is a member of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, the Colonial Dames, the Daughters of the American Revolution, and is interested in the Auxiliary of the American Legion and several community groups. She is a member of Trinity Episcopal Church, and since the passing of her husband has been president of the Leader Publishing Company.

General and Mrs. Opie were the parents of the following children: 1. Mary, born August 9, 1914, a graduate of Stuart Hall, attended Gunston Hall, and is a graduate of Mary Baldwin College; she married George Wilson Robinson of Richmond, and is the mother of a daughter: i. Lindsay Opie, born January 29, 1945. 2. Hierome L. Opie, Jr., born March 24, 1916; a graduate of grade and high schools, of Staunton Military Academy, and after pursuing post-graduate work at Episcopal High School entered the University of Virginia, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1937, and his Bachelor of Laws degree in 1940. He established himself in the practice of his profession in Staunton, but on February 24, 1941, enlisted for World War II. Commissioned a second lieutenant, United States Marine Corps, First Divi-



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sion, he served in the South Pacific area, and received his honorable discharge in February, 1946, having served overseas from April, 1942 to December 24, 1945. In 1944 he was commissioned a major. He is a member of the Society of the Cincinnati, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, and the Rotary Club. He is on the board of the Staunton Industrial Loan Company, and is circulation manager and secretary of the Leader Publishing Company, which was founded by his father. He is a member and past vestryman of Trinity Episcopal Church. On January 6, 1945, he married Nellie Rennolds Christian, daughter of Major Andrew D. and Nell (Rennolds) Christian, and they have two children: i. Eleanor Christian, born December 28, 1946. ii. Thomas Ranson, born December 19, 1948. 3. Baldwin Ranson, who died in infancy. 4. Thomas Ranson, born April 9, 1920, who received his early schooling in the grade and high schools of Staunton and was a graduate of Virginia Military Institute, 1940 class. He entered the service in World War II and served as an instructor at the Armored Force School, Fort Knox, Kentucky. After one year he was selected for a commission in the regular army and was transferred to the field forces, 2nd Armored Division, under General George S. Patton. In 1942, he entered pilot training and subsequently was made an instructor-pilot for B-29's at Clovis Field, New Mexico, attaining the rank of captain. He was killed there November 10, 1944, in the crash of a bomber. He married Mary Lucille Cover, of Elkton, Virginia.

JUDGE JOSEPH ANDERSON GLASGOW—

Over a long period Judge Joseph Anderson Glasgow graced the bar of Augusta County and Virginia. He filled many public offices with ability and honor and at the time of his passing, when more than three score and ten years old, and rounded out years of service as Judge of the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit Court of Virginia.

Born at Fincastle, Virginia, on March 31, 1867, Joseph Anderson Glasgow was the son of the Honorable William A. Glasgow and Mrs. Grace Ellen (Shanks) Glasgow, his father having been a distinguished lawyer of the State. His parents having moved to Lexington, Virginia, while their son was still a youth, he completed his formal education at Washington and Lee University. His studies were interrupted by a year, during which he taught school at Frankfort, Kentucky. He returned to Washington and Lee University, how-

ever, and was graduated from its law department with the class of 1891, a Bachelor of Laws. In September of 1891, having passed his law examinations, Joseph Anderson Glasgow opened an office in Staunton. For a short time he was associated with Harry St. George Tucker under the title, Tucker and Glasgow. In 1897 he became Commonwealth Attorney, and for several terms he was a Police Justice in Staunton. In 1928 he was appointed Judge of the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit of Virginia, to complete the term of Judge Henry W. Holt. He then was appointed to the same post by Governor Harry F. Byrd, and before his passing had served on this bench exceptionally well for twelve years and nine months.

In politics, Judge Glasgow was a staunch Democrat, influential in party councils and campaigns, and was chairman of the Democratic Central Committee of Augusta County for fourteen years. He belonged to professional associations, and was the author of "Memoirs of a Circuit Judge," that was well received and remains authoritative. During World War I, he was chairman of the committees which sold Liberty and Victory bonds, and raised funds for humanitarian agencies such as the Red Cross Society, the Young Men's Christian Association and others. He was a member and vestryman of Emmanuel Episcopal Church.

Judge Joseph Anderson Glasgow married Maria Washington Ranson, daughter of Thomas D. Ranson, a prominent member of the Staunton bar. Mr. and Mrs. Glasgow were the parents of the following children: 1. Elizabeth G., who married Dr. W. B. W. Howe of Hendersonville, North Carolina. 2. Eleanor G., who married Walter McCown of Sherman, New Mexico. 3. Charlotte A. 4. Grace Ellen. 5. William A., III, an attorney of Washington, D. C.

The death of Judge Joseph Anderson Glasgow on July 31, 1940, marked the passing of one of the notable personages in Staunton and Augusta County life. He had proved his judicial qualifications on the bench, and in his profession had won esteem for his readiness to help rising young lawyers. Indeed, he was always on the alert to aid the ambitious, whether to gain an education or to get ahead in business. Cultured, a gentleman and legal figure of the old school, his career was one that might well serve as an example and inspiration to the present generation.

BLAIR JOSHUA FISHBURN — Blair Joshua Fishburn is the present-day representative of a family which has long been influential in the com-

mercial affairs of Roanoke. Primarily identified with the manufacture of tobacco, as was his father, Mr. Fishburn has continued in a family tradition of varied business interests. Today he holds position on the boards of several banking and commercial organizations. His long record of able business direction and civic service has made him one of the most highly esteemed residents of his city.

Born at Big Lick, now Roanoke, Virginia, June 25, 1876, Mr. Fishburn is a son of Reuben Harvey and Emma Virginia (Phillips) Fishburn. Reuben Fishburn was one of the pioneers of Roanoke in commercial and civic affairs. He was born in Sydnorsville, Franklin County, February 27, 1835. To quote an earlier historical account of the family:

An unusual fact of family history is that at the time of his birth eight of his immediate forebears were living, namely: Jacob and Ann Waggoner Fishburn, John Melcher and Elizabeth Heiner Waggoner, Willie and Amarilla Goode Tinsley, and William and Elizabeth Camden Goode. He was old enough to converse with seven of these, and the eighth lived in Kentucky and died there at the age of one hundred and four years.

Growing up on a farm, Reuben Fishburn accustomed himself to the tasks of farming and tanning, but also obtained a rural school education. He volunteered for service at the outbreak of the War Between the States, and served in Company A of the 37th Battalion, Virginia Cavalry. During the first year of the war, he was in southwestern Virginia and West Virginia, participated in the campaigns in the Valley of Virginia, and was in action until the close of the war. On his return to peace-time pursuits, he engaged in the mercantile business and conducted a general store at Rocky Mount, Virginia. In 1873 he removed to the village of Big Lick, which in subsequent years was to become the present city of Roanoke. There he and his brothers, Tipton T. and John Robert Fishburn, engaged in the manufacture of tobacco, under the name of Fishburn Bros., and set up one of the earliest and largest such establishments in the annals of the city. Reuben Harvey Fishburn continued active in business until 1905, and after his retirement traveled extensively. He was in San Francisco at the time of the earthquake and fire in 1906. In 1910 he published a history of Company A of the 37th Battalion, Virginia Cavalry. This he issued in a neatly bound volume, and he presented a copy to each of his living comrades, and to the widows of those who were deceased. He had done much during his

successful career to aid less fortunate comrades at arms. He was a liberal contributor to the Confederate monument now standing in the Court House Square at Rocky Mount. Prominent in the business affairs of his community, Reuben Fishburn was a director of the National Exchange Bank, the Southwest Virginia Trust Company, the Brand Shoe Company, and the Virginia Bridge and Iron Company. He was a stockholder in a number of other corporations at the time of his death. At the time the community was still the village of Big Lick, in 1877, Mr. Fishburn served as a member of the town council.

Reuben Harvey Fishburn married, on April 27, 1873, Emma Virginia Phillips, daughter of Joshua and Sallie Hughes Phillips, of Campbell County, Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Fishburn were active members of the Greene Memorial Methodist Church of Roanoke, the former at one time being a member of the board of stewards. To Reuben Harvey and Emma Virginia Fishburn were born five children: one son, Blair J., and four daughters: Annie L., Fannie T. (now deceased), Sallie C. (Mrs. J. K. Fulton, deceased), and S. Ella.

Born in the village of Big Lick which is now Roanoke, Mr. Fishburn attended local public schools and as a boy was familiar with the growing city at the time of its transformation to its present status. He was subsequently a student at Randolph-Macon Academy at Front Royal. Part of his education was acquired by travel abroad in Europe and the Holy Land, in his youth. After leaving Randolph-Macon Academy, he became associated with R. H. Fishburn and Company, successors to Fishburn Bros., and in 1905 he bought an interest in the S. P. Hite Company, manufacturers of flavoring extracts and drugs, becoming its secretary and treasurer. Later he became president and manager of that well-known firm, which grew to a substantial place in Roanoke commercial life during the period he headed it, and he still holds a directorship in the company. He is also a director of the First National Exchange Bank, the Johnson-Carper Furniture Company, the Thaden-Jordan Furniture Company, and the Mullens Grocery Company of Mullens, West Virginia. He is a director and vice-president of the Memorial and Crippled Children's Hospital of Roanoke, and vice-president of the People's Federal Savings and Loan Association. He is a past director of the Virginia Bridge and Iron Company, the Brand Shoe Company, the Roanoke Candy Company, and the Southwest Virginia Trust Company. He was at one time a member of the

Executive Committee of the National Flavoring Extract Manufacturers Association.

Mr. Fishburn is a steward in the Greene Memorial Methodist Church, and is prominent in fraternal organizations, being a member of Lakeland Lodge No. 190, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and with the various Scottish Rite bodies. He has attained the thirty-second degree, and is a member of Kazim Temple, of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He belongs to Osceola Lodge No. 47, Knights of Pythias, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a Past Grand Counselor of the Order of United Commercial Travelers. He was for four years treasurer of the Grand Jurisdiction of Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky, Maryland and the District of Columbia. He is also a member of the Shenandoah Club, the Roanoke Country Club, the Roanoke Gun Club, and of Rotary.

During World War II, Mr. Fishburn served on Selective Service Board No. 3 in Roanoke, and is now chairman of the Roanoke City Selective Service Board. His effective and unstinting service to his city dates back many years. For twelve years he was a vital factor in the city government. He became a member of the city council before the old councilmanic form of government was changed and he served continuously from 1907 to 1918. In 1922, four years after the city of Roanoke had come under the city manager form of government, he was chosen one of the council of five, and subsequently became president of the body, and by virtue thereof mayor of the city. To this position he devoted himself wholeheartedly, proving his appreciation of the confidence of his fellow citizens, and effectively promoting the welfare of the community. He was a member of the Virginia House of Delegates for two terms, from 1932 to 1936. He is president of the Roanoke Recreation Association and for years was president of Roanoke Travelers Aid Society. In 1933 he gave the city a twenty-seven and one-half acre tract of land, which was named Fishburn Park after him. Mr. Fishburn is unmarried. He lives at 1736 Grandin Road.

ALEXANDER TOBIE MOORE — For years Alexander Tobie Moore occupied a position of leadership and distinction in Staunton and vicinity, where he was one of the outstanding business men. His major work was in the hotel industry, which he entered in Staunton with a broad background of experience already accumulated in Newport

News and elsewhere. The Stonewall Jackson Hotel in Staunton went up in accordance with his planning and under his direction, and under his operation it became one of the finest hotels in the western part of Virginia. Mr. Moore himself was widely known for his role in local affairs, and earned the respect and admiration of a host of acquaintances and friends.

Mr. Moore was born October 1, 1876, in Suffolk, Virginia, son of James Wills and Olivia Texie (Holland) Moore, both natives of Franklin, this state. His paternal grandfather, William Perry Moore, lost the sight of both eyes while fighting for the Confederacy in the War Between the States. On the maternal side of his house, Alexander Tobie Moore's grandparents were Alexander and Henrietta (Lenow) Holland. Mr. Holland was also a Confederate soldier, and both he and his wife were natives of Southampton County, Virginia. The children of James Wills and Olivia Texie (Holland) Moore were: 1. Leroy, now deceased. 2. Alexander Tobie, deceased, of further mention. 3. Arthur, deceased. 4. Lucille, deceased. 5. Bertha, a resident of Staunton.

Of these children, Alexander Tobie Moore attended Suffolk schools and Franklin Business College, then took a course in business administration at the University of Richmond. His first occupation was as bookkeeper with the Suffolk "Herald," in Suffolk, Virginia. Later he was employed by the Old Dominion Land Company, owners of the Warwick Hotel, in Newport News. For fifteen years he was with that hotel organization, and it was there that he acquired a complete knowledge of every branch of hotel management "from the kitchen up." He came from Newport News to Staunton to purchase the Virginia Hotel, which he operated for about twenty years.

The Stonewall Jackson Hotel, which he built as a means of meeting Staunton's hotel requirements, opened its doors for business in May, 1924. All who know this five-story, 100-room hostelry, complete with penthouse and one of the finest in this part of Virginia, can make their own estimate of the contribution which Mr. Moore made to Staunton in causing it to be erected. The old Virginia Hotel was torn down to make room for the new structure when once the Stonewall Jackson neared completion. Mr. Moore himself operated the Stonewall Jackson until his accidental death, July 16, 1935. He also built and operated the Stonewall Jackson Inn, consisting of fifty rooms, a fashionable hotel with its own eighteen-hole golf course. Later it came to be known as the Ingleside Hotel. It rose from the ground in 1929,

also under Mr. Moore's guidance and as a result of his planning. It is situated about three miles from Staunton, and is on a considerable elevation and in a beautiful setting. Some years later, Mrs. Moore sold the Ingleside.

Among his other undertakings, Mr. Moore was one of the organizers of Shenandoah Valley, Inc., which promoted Skyline Drive. He was also president of the Virginia Hotel Association and at one time was president of the Rotary Club in Staunton. In the Free and Accepted Masons he was affiliated with many branches, including the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, in which he held the thirty-second degree, and the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

Alexander Tobie Moore married (first) Bessie Baker. Their daughter, Elizabeth Moore, was graduated from Stuart Hall, then attended Sweetbriar College, and became the wife of Morton Neifert and the mother of their daughter, Anne Neifert, born in 1927. Mr. Moore married (second), in December, 1923, Elizabeth Clemmer, daughter of J. Frank and Mary P. (Hogshead) Clemmer. Her father was owner and operator of a large plantation. Mrs. Moore herself studied at Stuart Hall. She is active in Trinity Episcopal Church. Her husband was a member of the First Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Moore's sister, Bertha Moore, became the wife of Joseph H. Holland, who owned three farms in Franklin, Virginia, where he was born. He died September 5, 1907. Their son, Joseph A. Holland, studied at Augusta Military Academy and Randolph-Macon College, and died June 24, 1928. Mrs. Holland came to Staunton to live after her husband's death.

The death of Alexander Tobie Moore removed from this community one of its beloved citizens and one who was to many a close and warm friend. He did much for business improvement in his community, and was known throughout this region of the South for the splendid influence and example that his honorable living and generous deeds created.

J. HAROLD KIVLIGHAN — As one of three owners of the White Star Mills, Staunton manufacturers of high-grade flours, J. Harold Kivlighan is in a position of leadership in Virginia business affairs. He serves as the general manager of the organization.

Mr. Kivlighan was born February 8, 1902, in Staunton, Virginia, son of Michael and Mary B. (Wholey) Kivlighan and a descendant of old and

well-established families of this region of the South. His paternal grandfather, Owen Kivlighan, born in Ireland, came to American shores in 1849, settling three years later in Staunton. He married Mary Burke, a native of Limerick, Ireland, the ceremony taking place in Staunton. They became the parents of two sons: Thomas and Michael, of further mention.

Of these, Michael Kivlighan became a miller. After attending St. Francis' Parochial School, Hoover's School and the Dunsmore Business College, he was employed by the Sublett Feed and Grain Company until 1892. In that year, in association with Charles Holt, Isaac Witz and Andrew Bowling, he organized the White Star Mills. The four men built a five-story building containing 400,000 cubic feet of space and a spacious grain elevator. In 1900 Andrew Bowling withdrew from the partnership, after which Michael Kivlighan continued as active head of the organization until his death in 1942. He gained a reputation as one of Staunton's keenest and most progressive-minded business men. He was president of the Augusta National Bank, a charter member of the Kiwanis Club, a member and generous donor of St. Francis' Catholic Church, and held the fourth degree in the Knights of Columbus. He was highly successful in business, accumulating a sizeable estate. Michael Kivlighan married Mary B. Wholey. They became the parents of eight children, all born in Staunton.

The second-born child of this family, J. Harold Kivlighan, attended St. Francis' Parochial School and Staunton High School, then received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Georgetown University in 1922. He also had a course of study at Dunsmore Business College. In 1924 he became associated in business with his father, becoming general manager of the organization at a later period and so serving down to the time of writing. His associates in the ownership of the White Star Mills are Nettie R. Holt and Irene A. Witz, heirs of the men who were co-founders of the business along with Michael Kivlighan. The White Star Mills today employ thirty workers in the milling of "Melrose," "White Star" and "Four Star" flour, which they distribute throughout Virginia and North and South Carolina. Their equipment is of the best and finest obtainable, and the plant itself has been described by one United States milling expert as "the best equipped flour mill in this part of the country."

In addition to his activities as co-owner and general manager of the White Star Mills, J. Har-

old Kivlighan has concerned himself with the welfare of his community and its people. He is vice-president of the Augusta National Bank and a member of St. Francis' Church.

J. Harold Kivlighan married Mary Abbitt, of Norfolk, Virginia, daughter of John Luther and Cornelia (White) Abbitt. Her father was born in Victoria, Virginia, and her mother in Hertford, North Carolina. Victoria was also the birthplace of Mrs. Kivlighan. Mr. and Mrs. Kivlighan became the parents of the following children: 1. Cornelia, born October 30, 1937. 2. John, born August 28, 1938. Both are students at St. Francis' Parochial School at the time of writing.

HON. C. FRANKLIN WILLIAMSON — In Staunton, "Queen City of the Shenandoah Valley," a distinguished figure is Judge C. Franklin Williamson, presiding over civil, police, juvenile and domestic relations cases, an attorney representing many individuals and concerns of note and a Commissioner in Chancery in the Corporation Court of Staunton and the Circuit Court of Augusta County as well as Commissioner of Accounts for the Corporation Court. Outside the bench and bar, Judge Williamson has made himself invaluable to the citizenry as a Red Cross, Salvation Army, Community Chest and Chamber of Commerce leader, and one of the hardest workers in civic affairs.

Born in Petersburg on December 17, 1904, Judge Williamson is the only child of the late Charles T. and Alice L. (Price) Williamson. His father, who died in 1928, was a prominent contractor and builder at Petersburg. The mother died in 1947. Judge Williamson's paternal grandfather, a native of Dinwiddie County, served in the Confederate Army. This was true also of his maternal grandfather, who carried to his grave a bullet shot into his leg in the course of battle.

The future lawyer and jurist began his education in the elementary schools of Petersburg. He was graduated from the Petersburg high school in 1923. He then did his pre-professional and legal studies at the University of Virginia. In 1928, he was awarded the degree of Bachelor of Laws. In the score of years that have passed he has become one of the most distinguished members of the bar. Not long after obtaining his degree Judge Williamson moved to Staunton, where on February 10, 1929, he and W. T. Sheehan formed a partnership. They practiced law together until 1934, when Mr. Sheehan was appointed Trial

Justice of Augusta County. Judge Williamson then continued practice alone. In 1942 he was appointed Civil, Police, Juvenile and Domestic Relations Judge, to fill out an unexpired term. The jurist he succeeded was Judge J. Harry May, who was elevated from Civil and Police Justice to Judge of the Corporation Court of the City of Staunton. In 1945, Judge Williamson was elected in his own right to the Staunton court and in 1949 re-elected. He is vice-president of the Virginia Council of Juvenile Judges. In his private practice, he is attorney for the Farmers and Merchants Bank of Staunton, in which he is also a member of the board of directors. In his community activities, which have won him additional distinction and the further gratitude of the public, Judge Williamson formerly was chairman of the Staunton and Augusta County Chapter, American Red Cross; a former member of the board of directors of the Salvation Army in Staunton, and a former national councilor for Staunton and Augusta County of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States. He is always active in the Staunton Community Chest and is a past vestryman of Trinity Episcopal Church of Staunton. Also, he is a past president of the Kiwanis Club of Staunton and a former Lieutenant Governor of the Fifth Division of the Capital District of Kiwanis International. While at the University of Virginia he was president of the Jefferson Society. His fraternities are Phi Alpha Delta and Delta Sigma Rho.

Judge Williamson married Helen Alice Siple of Staunton, the daughter of Howard Preston Siple and Fannie C. Siple Greaver. Judge and Mrs. Williamson are the parents of a daughter, Helen Franklin Williamson, who was born on October 14, 1944. Judge Williamson's office is in the May Building, Staunton.

RUDOLPH BUMGARDNER, JR., who has practiced law at Staunton, Virginia, since 1935, follows his father, uncle, and grandfather as a lawyer in that City. The period of practice of the three generations at the Staunton Bar spans nearly a century, broken only by the periods of service of the members in the armed forces during the wars in this period. Mr. Bumgardner is also active in civic and fraternal affairs of the community.

Born January 28, 1911, he is a son of Rudolph, Sr., and Nannie Brooke (Scott) Bumgardner; and a grandson of Captain James Bumgardner,

who served the cause of the Confederacy during the War Between the States. The family has been resident in Virginia for over two centuries, and its founders in America were two brothers, Christian and John Bumgardner, who were natives of Basle, Switzerland. From their native country they had moved to the Palatinate, and in 1729 Christian, followed by his brother John in 1731, came to the American colonies, locating in Virginia. Christian, who never married, settled in Shenandoah County. John became a resident of what is now Rockingham County, then a portion of the Augusta District. John had two sons, Christian and John. Of these, Christian Bumgardner served as a soldier in the ill-fated Braddock expedition against Fort Duquesne in 1755, being a private under Colonel Washington. In 1757, he was commissioned an ensign in the Virginia troops. He established the present Bumgardner homestead at Bethel Green. Some years later he enrolled as a soldier in the Revolutionary War, dying shortly after his discharge and his return home, as a result of the hardships and exposure during the terrible winter at historic Valley Forge.

Jacob, son of Christian Bumgardner, was also a soldier of the Revolution, and later participated in the second war with Great Britain, holding the rank of ensign. Jacob Bumgardner died in 1857. He was the father of Lewis Bumgardner, born in Augusta County, Virginia, who married Hetty Ann Halstead, a native of Lexington, Kentucky. They were pioneer settlers in the state of Missouri. While Lewis Bumgardner and wife were living at Fayette, Howard County, Missouri, their son James was born, January 18, 1835. The first ten years of his life were spent in Howard and Clinton counties, and this experience in early Western frontier life furnished many interesting reminiscences in his later years.

In 1845 the family returned to Augusta County, Virginia, where James Bumgardner grew to manhood. After his early schooling he attended Brownsburg Academy, and in 1851 entered the Academic Department of the University of Virginia. He was one of the founders at the University of the Alpha Chapter of Phi Kappa Psi. Following his university career, he was a clerk in his father's store, later a school teacher, and then undertook the study of law under Judge Hugh W. Sheffey at Staunton. He became a partner of Judge Sheffey in 1859. This partnership was of thirty years' duration, and the firm ranked as one of the strongest in western Virginia.

In 1856, James Bumgardner with other young men from Staunton and Augusta County organized the West Augusta Guard, an organization that achieved great distinction during the War Between the States. In this outfit, Bumgardner became a lieutenant when it was called into service at the time of the capture and execution of John Brown at Harper's Ferry. Although reared a Whig, Captain Bumgardner in 1860 supported John Bell for president. The Bumgardners as a family were staunch Union men, but like many others they went with their state when it joined the Confederacy. At Harper's Ferry, when the troops were organized at the outset of the war, Captain Bumgardner was made adjutant of the Fifth Virginia Regiment, commanded by Colonel Kenton Harper and afterwards by Colonel William H. Harman. After the first battle of Manassas, the brigade of which it was a part became known as the "Stonewall Brigade". General Stonewall Jackson was Captain Bumgardner's ideal soldier and commander, and from him he acquired a sound knowledge of military technique. At the time of a reorganization of the Fifth Regiment, Captain Bumgardner was ill in the hospital, and on recovering, in May, 1862, he enlisted in Company A of the 52nd Virginia Regiment, in which he was commissioned a second lieutenant. Later in the same year he was promoted to captain of Company F, and served in that rank until the cessation of hostilities. Captain Bumgardner took part in forty-three different engagements including Jackson's Valley Campaign, Gaines Mill, Second Manassas, Antietam, Chancellorsville, Fredericksburg, Gettysburg, the Wilderness, Spotsylvania Court House, and Cold Harbor. On September 19, 1864, his service in the field was terminated by his capture. He was released from Union prison at Fort Delaware, June 22, 1865.

After the war, James Bumgardner turned his attention to the practice of the law. He was elected commonwealth's attorney of Augusta County, an office he held continuously until 1883. During the same time his partner, Hugh W. Sheffey, was elected Circuit Court Judge. He was active in the movement to build the Valley Railroad, running from Harrisonburg to Lexington, and was one of the early directors of that line. The firm of Sheffey and Bumgardner became counsel for the company. Captain Bumgardner continued in the legal department of the railroad until his death, a period of over fifty years.

James Bumgardner was active in public and political affairs, and was for many years chair-

man of the Democratic party in Augusta County. In 1880 he was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in Cincinnati which nominated W. S. Hancock for President. He refused to support the free silver wing of the Democratic party on that issue in 1896, and was chairman of the Richmond Convention which selected delegates to the national sound money convention which nominated Palmer and Buckner. Mr. Bumgardner was spoken of as "a lawyer second to none in point of ability in Virginia", and as "the best-loved man of his day in his community".

On December 27, 1863, Captain James Bumgardner married his cousin, Mary Mildred Bumgardner. She died in 1909. They were the parents of two sons and four daughters, of whom Colonel Rudolph, who became the father of Rudolph Bumgardner, Jr., was the third child in order of birth. He was born June 11, 1872, and received his education in the public schools of Staunton. He was graduated from Washington and Lee University with the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws. Admitted to the bar in January, 1895, Rudolph Bumgardner was actively associated with his father in practice until the latter's death. From that time until his own death, August 31, 1932, he continued in practice independently. Like his father, the elder Rudolph Bumgardner took an active interest in military affairs. On May 11, 1898, he enlisted as a private in the West Augusta Guard, Company K, Fifth Virginia Regiment, for service in the Spanish-American War. On August 26, 1898, he was promoted to second lieutenant of Company F of the Third United States Volunteer Engineers, and served with that command in Cuba with the army of occupation. He received his honorable discharge May 17, 1899. On the reorganization of the Virginia Volunteers after the war, he was commissioned battalion adjutant in the First (Seventy-second) Regiment in 1900. In 1901 he was chosen captain of Company A of the Second (Seventy-third) Regiment, and in May, 1905, was promoted to the rank of colonel of the Second Regiment, resigning his commission in August of the same year. During the first World War, Colonel Bumgardner headed a company of reserves known as the Valley Riflemen, from August, 1918 to March, 1920. He was a past master of the Staunton Lodge No. 13, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and an Eminent Commander of the Stevenson Commandery No. 7, Knights Templar.

On June 1, 1905, Colonel Rudolph Bumgardner married Nannie Brooke Scott, daughter of Rev.

Dr. and Mrs. William Nelson Scott of Staunton. To this union were born two children: M. Margaret, now the wife of Dr. Robert C. Manchester of Seattle, Washington, and Rudolph, Jr., of whom further. Mrs. Bumgardner, who was born at Richmond, September 7, 1877, died at Staunton, June 6, 1915, as did Colonel Bumgardner, August 29, 1932.

A sister of Rudolph Bumgardner, Sr., was Miss Eugenia Sproul Bumgardner, one of the younger children of Captain James and Mary Mildred (Bumgardner) Bumgardner. She was born in Augusta County, Virginia, May 5, 1879, and obtained her public school education in Staunton. She graduated from Mary Baldwin College, and from Dunsmore Business College, and the New York School for Secretaries. For seven years, Miss Bumgardner did legal work at Big Stone Gap. In 1917, she went overseas with United States Base Hospital 8, located at Savenay, France, in the capacity of medical secretary. She later was named medical secretary to the chief surgeon in Service of Supply at Tours, France. She was also secretary to the American Red Cross commissioner in Serbia, Greece, and Constantinople. While in the Turkish city, Miss Bumgardner worked with White Russian refugees, and in 1925 wrote a book entitled "Undaunted Exiles". She was decorated by General Wrangal of the Imperial Russian Army.

After her return from Europe, she worked with Near East Relief, then returned to Staunton, where she accepted a position in court reporting in 1925. She was recognized throughout the state for her outstanding work as court reporter in both Federal and State courts from 1925 until the time of her death, which occurred on July 24, 1948.

Rudolph Bumgardner, Jr., younger of the two children of Rudolph, Sr., and Nannie Brooke (Scott) Bumgardner, received his education in the Staunton public schools, and graduated from high school in that city in 1928. From that year until 1932, he attended Virginia Military Institute, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1932. From 1933 to 1935, Mr. Bumgardner was in residence at Washington and Lee University, and he received his Bachelor of Laws degree from that university in 1935. He is a member of Kappa Alpha and Phi Delta Phi fraternities.

Admitted to the Virginia bar in 1935, Mr. Bumgardner established his law practice in Staunton in that year, and continued without interruption until June 1, 1941, when he entered active mili-

tary service. A captain in the Army Reserve at the beginning of his service, he advanced steadily in rank to become a full colonel, and he was discharged from active service on August 16, 1946. He now holds the rank of Colonel, J.A.G.C.R. During World War II, he served in the office of the Judge Advocate General, War Department; Headquarters, A.A.F.C.F.T.C., at Randolph Field, Texas, and in April, 1945, Rudolph Bumgardner was sent to the Philippines, as Chief of the Legal Section of Recovered Personnel Division, Armed Forces, Pacific. He returned to the United States May 1, 1946. He wears the Bronze Star Medal.

In addition to continuing his successful legal practice, Mr. Bumgardner has taken an active part in community affairs since resuming the thread of his civilian professional career. He is a member of the board of directors of the Staunton National Bank, a member and past president of the Kiwanis Club, and is on the board of deacons of the First Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Bumgardner retains his interest in military organizations, and is commanding officer of the 2304th Military Government Group, ORC. He is active in Masonry, and served as Master of Staunton Lodge No. 13, A.F.&A.M. in 1949.

Rudolph Bumgardner, Jr., is married to the former Virginia Romm, of Norfolk, daughter of James Edward and Henrietta (Dunston) Romm. Her father is president of the Farmers Manufacturing Company at Norfolk. Mrs. Romm is deceased. Mrs. Bumgardner is a graduate of William and Mary College, and attended the Collège des Jeunes Filles, Perigueux, Dordogne, France. She is a member of Alpha Chi Omega and the Mortar Board, and the First Presbyterian Church. Mr. and Mrs. Bumgardner have two children: 1. Virginia Dunston, born January 19, 1938. 2. Rudolph, III, born December 2, 1941.

MORRISON M. EDGAR—Long active in the educational life of the Shenandoah Valley, Morrison M. Edgar owned controlling interest in the Dunsmore Business College. It was with a broad background of business teaching experience that he came to Staunton, where he came to be widely known for his work with the Dunsmore school and his participation in numerous civic and social activities. He was widely known and respected throughout this region of Virginia.

Mr. Edgar was born August 17, 1881, in Lockwood, Missouri, son of William A. and Lizzie S. (Dodds) Edgar. His mother was born at Fayetteville, Indiana, June 18, 1859, and died January 10,

1940. His father, who was born in Sparta, Illinois, August 4, 1853, was killed in an automobile accident at Sterling, Kansas, March 7, 1935. He and his wife were the parents of five children: 1. Florence. 2. J. D., who became a minister. 3. Will D. 4. Isabelle. 5. Morrison M., of further mention.

Morrison M. Edgar attended school in Sterling, Kansas, and after graduation from high school and a business college in Salina, Kansas, he took special work at Cooper College, in Sterling. He received the degree of Master of Accounts from Kansas Wesleyan University, and taught in public school in Kansas for a time. He was principal of what was known as "Union Two," in Rice County, Kansas, and assistant in the business practice department of Kansas Wesleyan Business College. For twelve years he was principal of the shorthand department of Worcester Business Institute, Worcester, Massachusetts.

After operating Seymour Business College, at Seymour, Indiana, for two years, he came to Staunton, Virginia, and with John R. Eye bought Dunsmore Business College in 1921. His success with this institution of learning became widely known, and Mr. Edgar became active in numerous organizations including the Staunton Rotary Club and the Second Presbyterian Church, in which he was an elder and Sunday school superintendent. He was a trustee of Mary Baldwin College for many years.

Morrison M. Edgar married Mabel Humphreys, of Sterling, Kansas, who was born February 12, 1882. She graduated from Sterling schools and high school, attended normal school, and taught for two years prior to her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Edgar became the parents of a daughter Marguerite E., born at Sterling, Kansas, September 3, 1904, who was graduated from Randolph-Macon College and became the wife of Lloyd W. McClung, of Fairfield, Virginia. The McClungs became the parents of three children, all born at Lexington, Virginia: 1. Caroline McClung, born June 4, 1934. 2. Mary Edgar McClung, born September 1, 1937. 3. Lloyd W. McClung, Jr., born June 2, 1943.

The death of Morrison M. Edgar on August 5, 1941, in Staunton, Virginia, was an occasion of deep sorrow throughout this community and wherever he was known. He will long be affectionately remembered.

B. WAYNE ERSKINE — The Miller Lumber Company is one of the oldest commercial insti-



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tutions of Staunton, dating from the early reconstruction days following the War Between the States. Founded by a relative of B. Wayne Erskine, it is now headed by that prominent Augusta County and Shenandoah Valley citizen, who is a co-owner with the widow of the man who became his partner in the purchase of the business in 1932. A leader in Staunton's business life, Mr. Erskine is also prominent in civic and religious activities.

He was born in Seguin, Texas, on January 7, 1903, member of a family with old Southern antecedents and many roots in the Old Dominion. He is the fourth of seven children, six of whom are still living. The parents were Capton and Maude (Humphreys) Erskine, both also natives of The Lone Star State, where Capton Erskine was associated with the Southern Pacific Railroad. Capton Erskine was the son of Alexander Madison and Betty (Mannie) Erskine, the former a planter and slave owner at Manisford, South Carolina. Alexander Erskine left his plantation to serve as an officer in the Confederate Army in the War Between the States and, like many others in his position, the loser of his slaves and estates in that conflict, settled in Staunton after the peace was established. He had been wounded in battle. He was a civil engineer educated at the University of Virginia; his father was Michael Erskine, a native of Monroe County, Virginia. The maternal grandfather of B. Wayne Erskine was Benjamine Wayne Humphreys, of a family which came to Virginia from Tennessee and later settled in Texas. Through the Humphreys family, Mr. Erskine is a direct descendant of John Lewis.

B. Wayne Erskine first attended the elementary schools of his native Seguin in Texas. Brought to the Shenandoah Valley at an early age, he continued his education at the Augusta Military Academy, from which he was graduated in 1923. He then took a business course at Dunsmore Business College in Staunton, after which he entered the employ of the Miller Lumber Company. He worked for this concern until 1932, when he and Harry B. Catt bought out the last member of the Miller family in the business—A. Erskine Miller, Mr. Erskine's cousin. Mr. Erskine and Mr. Catt operated the business together until the death of Mr. Catt on April 5, 1948, since which time Mr. Erskine has carried on alone. Mrs. Catt, his late partner's widow, retains a financial interest in the business, and is on the board of directors. The enterprise, among the oldest in Staunton, was

established in 1866 by M. Erskine Miller. It was originally both a coal and lumber concern, the founder supplying the coal from mines he owned in West Virginia. He started the business on the site of the company's present modern two-story brick building and its large and efficient yard. Five were employed in the first year, 1866, but today the payroll runs from twenty-one to twenty-five. Coal is no longer one of the items of merchandise, but the firm carries a full line of lumber and all types of building materials. The two-story building was built by J. T. Collins and was one of the first business structures erected in Staunton immediately after the War Between the States. It has, of course, been thoroughly modernized by Mr. Erskine. The trading territory of the concern includes Bath, Highland, Rockbridge and Augusta counties. A. Erskine Miller was a nephew of the founder. Mr. Erskine, as head of the business, has made a reputation throughout the lumber world. He is a director of the Staunton National Bank and a member of Trinity Episcopal Church of Staunton.

Mr. Erskine married Mary McAuliffe of Miami, Florida, the daughter of Charles F. and Wilhelmina (Horn) McAuliffe of Syracuse, New York. A graduate of the University of New Mexico at Albuquerque and the International University of Mexico City, Mexico, Mrs. Erskine is active in St. Francis Catholic Church of Staunton. There are three children, pupils in the parochial school: B. Wayne Erskine, Jr., who was born September 2, 1943; Mary Alexander Erskine, born September 16, 1944, and Thomas Capton Erskine, born December 11, 1946. Mr. Erskine's business address is 44 Middlebrook Avenue, Staunton, and his home address is 635 Sherwood Lane.

GUSS DULL—At the age of twelve, Guss Dull of Staunton began to earn his living as the driver of a horse-drawn wagon; he was employed by William Glenn of Staunton in the milk and ice business. At seventeen, through the loss of his father under tragic circumstances, he became the family provider. But despite these handicaps—or because he turned them into stimuli—to which must be added his scanty education, Mr. Dull has become one of the best known citizens, not only of Shenandoah Valley, but the entire state as well. From what was literally a "one-horse start," he developed a tremendous interstate trucking and transfer business, which he sold out after four decades of operation, and from an equally modest start he developed the Poster Advertising Com-

pany, of which he is president today. He is as well known among Virginia's outdoor advertising men as among trucking operators. A venerable and beloved figure on the Staunton scene, he has given leadership to numerous activities, from Rotary Club to the Staunton Fair.

Mr. Dull was born on November 15, 1879, in Augusta County, the oldest of the five children of John R. and Mary C. (Dull) Dull. John R. Dull was a farmer and carpenter who, for some years, worked as foreman for Montague Payne, Staunton contractor and builder. At the age of forty-two, he was killed in an accident. He was the son of Jacob Dull, a native of Arbor Hill, Augusta County, a farmer and Confederate soldier. Guss Dull has one surviving sister, Ethel, the wife of Roy Swartz of Harrisonburg. Mr. Dull received his schooling in the Verona public schools. When he was twelve he got a job driving a one-horse wagon and helping in the office of William Glenn Ice Company of Staunton. Death overtaking his father five years later, he felt obliged to undertake the support of his mother and sister. In 1906, when he was twenty-seven, Mr. Dull started his own business, which he called the Guss Dull Express. He soon had two one-horse drays, employing two drivers. Later, he changed the name to Guss Dull Transfer Service, and when he sold out in October, 1946, after forty years, he was covering twenty-seven states and employing forty-two persons. He had twenty-seven large trucks and trailers. Mr. Dull tells how he started this business "from scratch," giving his note at the time of purchase of one horse and dray and paying off as he earned. After he had paid for the first horse and dray, he gave a note for the second, and so on, until the great fleet had been developed and motors took the place of quadrupeds. In 1909, only three years after going into the transfer business on his own, Mr. Dull launched the outdoor advertising firm which he continues to head. He has held such leadership in this field as to be elected president of the Virginia Poster Advertising Association. He is also active in the National Outdoor Advertising Association.

Locally, Mr. Dull has been treasurer of the Rotary Club of Staunton since 1930 and of the Staunton Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, since 1934. Also, he is president of the Staunton Fair Association and past president (1940), of the Saints and Sinners Club. He was the first to serve in that office in the latter organization. Other organizations to which he be-

longs include the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Knights of Pythias, the Izaak Walton League and the Beverly Club. The world of entertainment, too, owes a debt of gratitude to Mr. Dull. For it was he who saved the Cetlin and Wilson Carnival Company. Quartered in Staunton some years ago, the carnival found itself in desperate financial straits. Mr. Dull learned of its plight and advanced \$5,000 to enable the company to carry on. A few months later, to strengthen it further, he incorporated the company, by that time worth \$8,000. In 1942, when the company was valued at \$60,000, Mr. Dull sold his interest for \$20,000, allowing the company to keep the large profit which he had enabled it to make through the years. There are similar incidents in the career of this man who, without help from anyone, has overcome numerous obstacles to achieve outstanding success and to win the affection of an entire community—a truly self-made man in the American tradition. On many occasions he has been offered civic offices, but always Mr. Dull has declined, preferring to serve the people in private ways. The mother whom he supported from the time he was seventeen, back in 1896, died forty-three years later, in 1939, at the age of eighty-five.

Mr. Dull has been married twice. His first wife was Lillian Wilson Rhea, who died in 1944. In 1946 he married Mrs. Margaret Carper Gordon. Mr. Dull has no children of his own, but he has reared the two sons and the daughter of his first wife's brother, educating them as well. Mr. Dull's address is 1501 Springhill Road, Staunton.

WESLEY C. MARSH—Though most of his activities are confined to the Shenandoah Valley, Wesley C. Marsh of Staunton is known throughout the Old Dominion, especially in the dairying and dairy products industry. A co-founder of the Staunton Creamery, Inc., makers and distributors of "Eureka Brand" products, he is not only vice-president, treasurer and general manager of that company, which serves Augusta County, but is also interested in creameries at Harrisonburg, Luray, Farmville, Lynchburg, Winchester and Waynesboro, and in the Farmers and Merchants Bank of Staunton. He is a leader in civic enterprises and the Methodist Church, and one of the renowned citizens of the Valley.

Born in Lynchburg on November 27, 1889, Mr. Marsh has been in the dairy industry since he was seventeen years old. He is the son of John C. and Esther Virginia (Hillsman) Marsh, both also born in Lynchburg, and both now deceased.

John C. Marsh, the son of William C. Marsh, a planter and slave owner, was a farmer who served with the Confederate Army. Esther Virginia Marsh was the daughter of a Presbyterian minister.

Wesley Marsh, the second youngest of eleven children, was educated in the country schools of Campbell County and early in his childhood began helping his father on the farm. In 1907, when he was seventeen, he began learning the creamery business. Between 1907 and 1924 he worked in creameries in Lynchburg, Danville and Petersburg. On January 1, 1924, he established himself in Staunton as one of the founders of the Staunton Creamery, Inc. Associated with him in the founding of the corporation were three men now dead—E. W. Holsinger, who was the first president; A. F. Howard of Charlottesville, the original first vice-president; and A. E. Berry, who was second vice-president in the starting days. The story of the growth of what is now a great corporation serving the dairy needs of a wide portion of the Shenandoah Valley is told on other pages of this history of the Valley. Much of the success of the company is attributed to Mr. Marsh's efforts, though he modestly insists his share of the credit should be small. One of Mr. Marsh's great dreams came true when in 1949 a new and modern plant was completed, joined to the original plant, built in 1924, by a bridge. This plant has come to be a community center in Augusta County as well as the producer of famed Eureka brand butter, ice cream and Grade A milk and other products. Mr. Marsh's present associates in the business include C. L. Stahl of Charlottesville, president; S. M. Dingleline, secretary, and C. N. Clarkson, a member of the board of directors. Mr. Marsh retains his titles of vice-president, treasurer and general manager. He is also president of the Valley Creamery, Inc., at Harrisonburg; president and manager of the Blue Ridge Creamery at Luray; vice-president of the Farmville Creamery at Farmville; vice-president of the Westover Dairies at Lynchburg; a director and stockholder of the Halderman Creamery at Winchester and a director of the Cooperative Dairy at Waynesboro. He is also a director of the Farmers and Merchants Bank of Staunton.

Mr. Marsh's leadership in the dairy world brought him the presidency of the Virginia Dairy Products Association. After a distinguished year as head of that organization, he was elected to its board of directors, on which he is still serving. In his community activities in Staunton he has

served as president of the Staunton Young Men's Christian Association, of which he is currently a director, and as a director and president of the Kiwanis Club of Staunton, an organization which he first joined in 1930. Also, he has been vice-president of the Staunton Chamber of Commerce and is on the board of trustees of the new Kings' Daughters Hospital of Augusta County, and on the board of stewards of the Central Methodist Church of Staunton. He is past high priest of his chapter of the Royal Arch Masons and past master of his lodge of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. He has always taken advantage of every opportunity to work in Community Chest, Red Cross and other fund-raising campaigns for health and welfare and in other important civic programs.

Mr. Marsh married Isabelle Jones of Fair Bluff, North Carolina. Also well-known in Staunton's civic and social life, Mrs. Marsh is a member of the Augusta Garden Club and of the Gray Ladies in the Staunton Chapter of the American Red Cross. Mr. and Mrs. Marsh are the parents of a son and a daughter: 1. Wesley C. Marsh, Jr., who was born in Staunton on December 3, 1924. He was given his early education in the Staunton elementary and high schools and later attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He served in World War II as a first lieutenant in the United States Army Air Forces. In the service three and one-half years, he spent most of that time in the European Theater of Operations. After the war, he began the study of law at Washington and Lee University and in 1950 was awarded his degree of Bachelor of Laws. He married Lucia Englehart of Washington, D. C., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Englehart. Her father is a corporation lawyer in the national capital. 2. Virginia Marsh, who was born in Staunton on September 6, 1930. She is also a graduate of Staunton's elementary and high schools. Then she spent a year at Hollins College, after which she attended and was graduated from Mary Baldwin College. Mr. Marsh's address is 271 North Lewis Street, Staunton.

STAUNTON CREAMERY, INC. — "Eureka Brand" products—Grade A milk, ice cream, butter and related items—are known throughout the Shenandoah Valley. They are manufactured by Staunton Creamery, Inc., in a fine new plant that is also a community center in Staunton, guided by one of Virginia's best known dairy men, Wesley C. Marsh, who is not only general manager of

the business but vice-president and treasurer of the corporation.

Staunton Creamery, Inc., was organized on January 1, 1924, by Mr. Marsh and three associates now deceased. The three were E. W. Holsinger of Staunton, A. F. Howard of Charlottesville and A. E. Berry of Staunton. Each was a "first" in office—Mr. Holsinger as president, Mr. Howard as first vice-president. Mr. Marsh began as secretary, treasurer and general manager. Later he relinquished the office of secretary and also became a vice-president.

The company started in a small way, employing six persons at first. Its original plant was on Middlebrook Avenue, in Staunton. By 1929, only five years after business began, the quarters were already too small. To accommodate the enlarged volume of operations, an attractive, up-to-date two-story brick building was erected. As the years passed and the business continued to grow, the company kept planning an addition. World War II both increased the need for larger quarters and prevented their provision. But on February 25, 1949, a new and splendid building, which, together with its equipment, cost more than \$100,000, was opened to the Shenandoah Valley public. The first creamery to install an all-electric kitchen, all in stainless steel and equipped to serve one hundred persons, the plant is now a community center as well as a dairy-producing center. It is the Grade A headquarters, so to speak, for Augusta County. It is the only dairy plant in the Valley which has a community hall or meeting place for civic and religious groups. This hall, located on the second floor of the plant, is in constant use by such groups, who arrange for it without payment. It has helped carry the name of "Eureka Brand" into all the remote corners of the Valley. The company produces more than a quarter million pounds of Eureka Brand butter annually, as well as large volumes of Eureka Brand ice cream and Grade A milk and other dairy products. In 1929, the company paid farmers \$70,000 for milk in bulk. In 1948, the payment to farmers was \$357,000. The present officers of the company, besides Mr. Marsh, are C. L. Stahl of Charlottesville, president; S. M. Dingledine, secretary, and C. N. Clarkson, member of the board of directors. These other officers, as well as the community at large, credit Mr. Marsh for the great success of the business. The story of his career is told on other pages of this history of the Shenandoah Valley.

HARRY LELAND LAWSON, JR.—The firm of H. L. Lawson and Son, Inc., of Roanoke, has become, since its founding in 1933, one of the leading Shenandoah Valley firms in merchandise warehousing. It is headed by Harry Leland Lawson, Jr., president, who has also been extensively identified with the banking field in his home community. Mr. Lawson has also held official positions in local clubs, and has made the public welfare his vital concern.

He is a son of Harry Leland Lawson, banker and investor, and of Effie Lee (Proffit) Lawson. Attending the public schools in Roanoke, Harry Leland Lawson, Jr., graduated from the Jefferson High School in that city in 1924. He then entered Virginia Polytechnic Institute, of which he is a graduate, class of 1928, and holds the degree of Bachelor of Science.

In the year of his graduation from Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Mr. Lawson entered the banking field, associating himself with the Liberty Trust Company, which is now the Colonial-American National Bank of Roanoke. He remained with this financial institution until 1933, when he entered business in his own name with the founding of the present concern, H. L. Lawson and Son, Inc. Mr. Lawson is a member of the boards of directors of two banks: The Colonial-American National Bank of Roanoke, and the Peoples Federal Building Association. He is secretary-treasurer of the Davis H. Elliot Company, Inc., electrical contractors and line builders.

For three and one-half years Mr. Lawson held the rank of captain in the United States Army, assigned to the Ordnance Department, and operating out of Washington, D. C.

Mr. Lawson is president and treasurer of the Roanoke Hospital Association operating the Memorial and Crippled Children's Hospital; and he is a member of the Shenandoah Club, of which he was president in 1938; and of the Roanoke Country Club, in which he has also held the office of president during 1947-1948. Mr. Lawson and his family attend the Second Presbyterian Church of Roanoke.

In Roanoke, on February 10, 1934, Harry Leland Lawson, Jr., married Dorothy Towles, daughter of William and Norma (Burns) Towles. Mr. and Mrs. Lawson are the parents of three children: 1. Harry Leland, III, born November 26, 1936. 2. Thomas Towles, born January 8, 1938. 3. Richard Greene, born March 30, 1941. The family resides at Prospect Hills, Roanoke.



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HARRY LELAND LAWSON—A leading figure in the business and financial life of Roanoke for the last thirty years of his life, Harry Leland Lawson did much to promote the progress of the community and could be counted upon to exert his best energies in behalf of what his judgment told him was beneficial and helpful.

Mr. Lawson was born at Meadows of Dan, Patrick County, Virginia, August 29, 1877, and a son of William T. Lawson. William T. Lawson enlisted in the Confederate army during the War Between the States and served for four years, establishing an excellent record for soldierly qualities and courage in action. He married Lillie D. Howard, who was born in Pittsylvania County, Virginia, a daughter of Joseph Howard.

One of a family of five children, Harry L. Lawson attended the neighborhood schools in his youth, following which he advanced his training by attendance at the town schools at Floyd. He was but sixteen years of age when he entered upon an active career as a dealer in provisions at Floyd and his industry and business capacity won him success from the start. His energetic nature lead him into many fields of endeavor. In 1919 he located in Roanoke where he became an important factor in various lines of business activity. He was one of the founders and a president of the Old Dominion Fire Insurance Company, secretary and treasurer of the Yost-Huff Motor Company, president of the Implement and Seed Company of Roanoke, a director in the Colonial-American National Bank and the Liberty Trust Bank of Roanoke, president of Richmond Motor Company of Richmond, president of Farmers' Supply Company of Floyd, secretary and treasurer of the Floyd Electric Power Company and a stockholder and official in other successful enterprises. Mr. Lawson was president of the local Kiwanis Club at Roanoke and held membership in the Shenandoah and Country Clubs and in the various Masonic bodies. He was prominently identified with the development of the system of modern highways from Roanoke to Floyd and Rocky Mount.

Harry L. Lawson was married to the former Effie Lee Proffit and they became the parents of three sons and a daughter: Harry Leland, Jr., Greene H., Joseph P. and Mrs. Randolph Frantz.

Mr. Lawson died November 16, 1948 at the age of seventy-one. His constructive influence in his city's affairs and the impress of his character assure a permanent place for him among Roanoke's memorable citizens.

FLOYD H. LEISTRA — In 1926 Floyd H. Leistra began learning the dairy business. Nineteen years later, he became treasurer and general manager of the \$200,000 Augusta Dairies in Staunton, the post he holds today. Mr. Leistra's reputation in the business extends far beyond the Shenandoah Valley, and reaches into West Virginia as well as into other parts of the Old Dominion.

Born in Richmond on February 18, 1908, Floyd Leistra is the son of Aukie T. and Mollie (Dowdy) Leistra. His father, born and educated in the Netherlands, came to the United States about 1868, settling on a farm in Amelia County, Virginia. His wife was a native of that county. They became the parents of nine children, eight of whom are living. The dairy executive was born the third youngest of the nine.

Mr. Leistra first attended the Richmond grade schools, continuing his education at the Amelia High School, from which he was graduated in 1924. He then took a course in a business college in Durham, North Carolina, following which he spent two years as an inspector with the American Tobacco Company. In 1926 Mr. Leistra went to Williamson, West Virginia, where he entered the employ of the Hutchinson Brothers Dairy, and it was here that he learned the business in which he has become so successful. He remained with the Hutchinson Brothers until 1929, and then became a salesman for the Imperial Ice Company of Parkersburg, West Virginia, a position from which he rose to the office of plant manager. In 1945 Mr. Leistra resigned this post to accept the position of treasurer and general manager of the Augusta Dairies in Staunton. To his management much of the great current prosperity of the firm is attributed. The newest addition to the plant, located on Middlebrook Avenue, Staunton, was completed under his direction on January 16, 1947. This addition, costing \$125,000, has made the Augusta Dairies one of the best and most completely equipped modern institutions in its field in Virginia. Along with the addition, the original plant was remodeled. The business represents a total investment of \$200,000, and Mr. Leistra is constantly making it more valuable. Mr. Leistra is well-known in Staunton and the county at large. He is active in the Harrisonburg Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and in Staunton Lodge No. 13 of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. He and his family worship in the Baptist Church.

Mr. Leistra married Ruth K. Terry of Amelia County, also a graduate of the Amelia High

member of the distinguished family of the Shenandoah Valley, and his children have taken their places as useful members of the same community. A man of varied talents, Mr. Hogshead also became a figure of importance in local realty, banking and corporate interests, distinguished himself in civic life, and found constructive expression for his energies and abilities in fraternal activities.

The Hogshead line is through Thomas' father, Preston Bailey Hogshead, who married Elizabeth Ann Hamilton; he was a son of Elijah and Margaret (Kerr) Hogshead; a grandson of David, of Revolutionary War fame, and Catherine (Graham) Hogshead; a great-grandson of James Hogshead, Jr.; and a great-great-grandson of James Hogshead, who came to the American Colonies from Scotland with a land grant from James II of England and settled in Augusta County. This land is still in the possession of his descendants, and is located about fourteen miles from Staunton, near the village of Parnassus. The above land grant, written on parchment with the King's seal dated 1749, is now in the possession of Clifford Hogshead Peale of Waynesboro, Virginia.

James Hogshead, Jr., son of James Hogshead, the immigrant, served during the American Revolution in Captain McAllister Lincoln's company of Virginia militia. His son, David Hogshead, was appointed constable in that same company, December 21, 1779.

Preston Bailey Hogshead, son of Elijah Hogshead, and father of Thomas Hogshead, was born September 9, 1833, and died July 4, 1903. On October 26, 1856, he married Elizabeth Ann Hamilton of Cloverdale, Rockbridge County, Virginia, and they had the following children: Richard, who married, first, Ella Fulton, and, second, Cora Smiley; Mary Preston, who married J. Frank Clemmer; Emma Bailey, who married Charles P. Hanger; Thomas, of whom further; Elizabeth Lewis, who married F. Percival Loth; Fannie Hamilton, who married John Dale Clothier; and Harry, who married Emma Peyton Fitz.

Shortly after the battle of Kernstown, and about March 15, 1862, the three militia regiments of Augusta County were ordered into service, and each regiment, under the command of its colonel, joined the army under the command of General "Stonewall" Jackson, then encamped at Rudor Hill near Strasburg, Virginia. Colonel Preston Bailey Hogshead was in command of one of these three militia regiments, and continued to command it after they had joined the regular forces. A few days after their arrival at Rudor Hill they were

assigned by General Jackson to the Second Regiment of the Stonewall Jackson Brigade.

The grandsons of Colonel Hogshead, Preston Clemmer, of the United States Shipping Board; Captain Richard Hogshead, of the 351st Artillery; Lieutenant J. Frank Clemmer, of the 318th Division, who fell in France, July 28, 1918; and F. Percival Loth, Jr., of the Naval Unit of the University of Virginia, all served their country during World War I. Colonel Hogshead followed agriculture as his life occupation. He was an alumnus of Washington and Lee University. Through his mother's family, Thomas Hogshead was related to the Hamilton and McCormick families of Augusta County.

All his life, Thomas Hogshead lived in Augusta County, where he was born, at Parnassus, December 3, 1868. He attended schools there, although he was compelled to leave high school when only fourteen years of age to enter business pursuits in order to render financial support to his family. At the time he secured the humble position of bottle boy in the drug store at Tyree, Martin and Logan, at a salary of sixty dollars per year. He continued with this concern and its successors until he finally bought the business, after having owned stock in it for several years. He invested considerably in Staunton property and realty, and became greatly interested in various of its business ventures. Mr. Hogshead was for many years vice-president of the Farmers and Merchants Bank. He served his city for four years as a member of the city council, and at another time as member of the Staunton school board. He became president of the Augusta Springs Corporation. Fraternally, he was affiliated with the Knights of Pythias, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Locally, Mr. Hogshead served as an official of the Kiwanis Club. He was a communicant of the First Presbyterian Church of Staunton.

On October 25, 1900, Thomas Hogshead married Anna Bell Timberlake, daughter of Stephen D. and Nannie D. (Bell) Timberlake. Her father served with distinction in the Confederate States Army, and later became a successful merchant in Staunton. He was born in Frederick County, Maryland, February 20, 1847, son of Stephen Davis and Frances A. Timberlake. His grandfather was a Revolutionary soldier. Stephen D. Timberlake was reared on the farm of his father, who was a large plantation and slave owner. He had attended the local schools prior to the outbreak of the War



C. M. Ellis.

Between the States, and was only fourteen at the time that conflict erupted. It is related that he and other boys of the neighborhood organized for the purpose of capturing some Yankees who were in Captain John Earl's barn at Milldale. Their mission was successful, and they made prisoners of an officer and several privates. Stephen D. Timberlake later joined Company B of the 12th Virginia Cavalry, Rosser's Brigade. Altogether, there were eleven men in that company of the name of Timberlake. From the time of his enlistment to the close of his active service, he participated in practically all the battles fought in the Valley during the closing years of the war. At Brandy Station he was captured and held a prisoner at the old Capitol prison until released in the final exchange. It was once stated by Charles T. O'Ferrall, later Governor of Virginia, in a regimental history which he wrote, that if he had had a command composed of Timberlakes, he "could not have been stopped, had they lived, short of the Boston Commons". Stephen Timberlake moved from Frederick, Maryland in 1871, and from then until the end of his life continued as a merchant at Staunton. He and his wife Nannie (Bell) Timberlake had seven children: 1. Stephen Davis, a Staunton lawyer. 2. Anna Bell, who married Thomas Hogshead. 3. Margaret Y. 4. Wayt B., of Staunton. 5. James H., a merchant of Staunton. 6. Edith, wife of Abbott Combs. 7. Olive. Wayt B. Timberlake succeeded his father in his mercantile endeavor. He married Frances Stuart Yates and they have two children.

Thomas and Anna Bell (Timberlake) Hogshead became the parents of three children: 1. Anne Archer, who married George B. Tullidge (q.v.). 2. Harriet Harfield, born October 9, 1906, educated at Mary Baldwin College, of which she is a graduate. She is married to William T. McIntyre of Staunton, prominent realtor, and their children are Sue Mason, William Tourney and Richard. 3. Dr. Thomas Hamilton Hogshead. He was born May 20, 1911, and received his education at Staunton schools, Johns Hopkins University and the Medical School of Harvard University. He enlisted with the British Army for wartime service before America entered World War II, and transferred to the United States Army in November, 1942. He served until February, 1944. Thomas Hamilton Hogshead, M.D., is now one of Staunton's successful doctors. He is married to Catherine Gierhart of Yonkers, New York, and their children are Ann Harfield and Harry Shockley.

CLARENCE McKINLEY ELLIS — Although identified throughout most of his career with the contracting business, Clarence McKinley Ellis is now connected with a number of profitable enterprises in his home city of Roanoke, Virginia. He is clearly the type of business leader who is alert to every opportunity, and whose influence has contributed to the progress of his community.

Mr. Ellis is a native of Alderson, West Virginia, and was born May 25, 1892, son of Floyd E. and Stella (McComas) Ellis. His father, a contractor by trade, was born in Union, West Virginia, November 14, 1858, and died March 7, 1927. He was a Republican in his politics, and served for ten years as postmaster of Roanoke. His wife, the former Stella McComas, was a native of Cabell County, West Virginia. As a youth, Clarence McKinley Ellis went to Roanoke to complete his secondary education, graduated from high school there, and supplemented his schooling with correspondence courses in business administration. He began his career by joining his father in the contracting business, and this partnership continued until Floyd E. Ellis was made postmaster in 1921. From that year his son carried on the firm's activities until 1949.

He also became owner and operator of the Roanoke Bottling Company for two years. He continues as owner of the Southern Barber and Beauty Supply Company, which he acquired in 1940. He also owns and operates the bowling alleys and recreation center on Williamson Road in Roanoke. This popular establishment he acquired in 1949. Another of his enterprises is the Williamson Road Water Company of Roanoke. In these various companies, Mr. Ellis employs between thirty and fifty people. Another recent interest of Mr. Ellis in the recreational sphere is the Salem Bowling Alleys at Salem, Virginia. This center has twelve alleys for the convenience of its patrons. A related enterprise of Mr. Ellis is the sale of equipment and furnishings required in bowling alleys and pool halls. He is also president of Home Dealers, a real estate firm conspicuous in property exchanges in recent years in the Valley.

Mr. Ellis is a veteran of World War I, having served in the United States Navy. He held the rank of non-commissioned officer; he enlisted in 1917, and was discharged in March, 1919. During much of his time in service, he was with the American Expeditionary Force, and was also attached at one time to the British Air Force.

Fraternally, Mr. Ellis is active in the Knights

of Pythias, of which he is a past officer. He is also affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, is a Knight Templar, holds the thirty-second degree, and is a member of Kazim Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a member of the Rotary and past commander of his post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. In his politics, Mr. Ellis is a Republican, and he is a communicant of the Green Memorial Church. He enjoys athletics as a hobby, and in his youth was a professional baseball player.

In Roanoke, May 25, 1920, Clarence McKinley Ellis married Anna Sanderson of Southorp, England, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Sanderson. To this union have been born two children: 1. Marjorie Lula, who married Edward E. Lebens of St. Louis, Missouri. They have two children, Edward Sanderson and David Ellis Lebens. 2. Floyd McKinley, who is attending the University of Virginia.

The Ellis residence is at 2524 Oregon Avenue, Southwest, Alderson.

MRS. CLARENCE A. SEATON—Even if Mrs. Clarence A. Seaton of Staunton were no more than the mother of children who have become outstanding figures in their chosen fields of endeavor she would be entitled to a permanent place on the honor roll of the Old Dominion. But Mrs. Seaton has served her native state in numerous ways beyond motherhood and she is known today as one who has battled for health and welfare and led numerous movements for the public good. She has been especially in the forefront in the battle against cancer.

Mrs. Seaton was born Sarah Todd, in Staunton, the second youngest of seven children, four of whom are still living. Her parents were John W. and Ammie (Timberlake) Todd, the former a son of Royal Todd, also born in Richmond. The future Mrs. Seaton was educated in Staunton's public schools and Mary Baldwin Seminary.

On October 8, 1902, at Staunton, she was married to Clarence A. Seaton, who was born in Richmond on March 14, 1872, the son of William E. and Mattie J. (Rogers) Seaton. Mr. Seaton, who was educated in Richmond, was engaged in the coal business at the state capital for many years. He became one of the city's prominent citizens and died there on June 27, 1927. Mr. and Mrs. Seaton became the parents of five children: 1. Emmett Seaton, who attended Virginia Military Institute for three years and is now in the coal business at Richmond. He married Lucy Williams

of Richmond, the daughter of a prominent minister there. 2. Margaret Seaton, who was educated in Richmond's elementary and high schools and is now living with her mother in Staunton. 3. Clarence A. Seaton, Jr., a graduate of Augusta Military Academy, Fort Defiance, now the Firestone dealer in Waynesboro. He married Irene Clem of Edinburg and is the father of Clarence A. Seaton, III, and Sarah Todd Seaton. 4. John E. Seaton, a graduate of Robert E. Lee High School who also attended Virginia Military Institute, now a civil engineer at Richmond. He married Lucy Williams, the daughter of a physician from Williamstown, North Carolina, her home and birthplace. They have two children, John E. Seaton, Jr., and Nancy E. Seaton. 5. Stuart Manly Seaton, who is making a career in the United States Army. A graduate of Virginia Military Institute, he was a paratrooper in the European Theater of Operations in World War II, rising to the rank of major. He remained in the Army after the war and is now an instructor at Fort Sill. He married Virginia Whipple of Vienna, Georgia, and is the father of Carol Ann Seaton.

Shortly after her husband's death in 1927, Mrs. Seaton and the children moved from Richmond to Staunton, where her home is now at 729 Opie Street. With Staunton as the center of her activities, she has made her name known in every corner of the state and in many quarters of the nation. Mrs. Seaton organized the Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs in 1933 and was president of the federation from 1938 to 1940. She has been on the board of the Baptist Hospital in Lynchburg since 1930 and is one of the leading women in the First Baptist Church of Staunton. She has headed the church's Missonary Society for many years. She was an organizer of the Ettabelle Nature Camp, sponsored by the VFWC, and has acted as Camp Mother ever since its organization. It is in cancer control work and education that she has been an especially outstanding figure. For years she has headed the Second District of Virginia Cancer movement and when the Augusta County Chapter of the Virginia State Cancer Society was organized on September 27, 1949, she was elected one of its directors. In the opening of the organization meeting, special tribute was paid to Mrs. Seaton and a rising vote of thanks was given to her for her untiring work and effort. Her name has been known in cancer control work since 1938. Her health impaired, Mrs. Seaton is not as active today as formerly—but her name ranks high among the state's leaders.

JOHN E. SHIPPLETT—As president and treasurer of the Shenandoah Tailoring Company, of Mount Sidney, Virginia, John E. Shipplett occupies a position of prominence in the business life of this region. This company, in both its uniform manufacturing and its cleaning departments, has a long and interesting history connected with the Shenandoah Valley, and in the development of both branches to their present position Mr. Shipplett himself has played a leading role.

Mr. Shipplett was born April 16, 1894, in Mount Crawford, Rockingham County, Virginia, son of Charles Fletcher and Bessie Virginia (Bauserman) Shipplett and a descendant of forebears prominent in Virginia affairs. Both of his grandfathers were blacksmiths. His paternal grandfather, Edward Shipplett, worked at his trade in both peace and war, so serving in Stonewall Jackson's Brigade during the War Between the States, in which he was twice wounded in the course of duty, at Gettysburg and Chancellorsville. He married a Miss Moomaw, and they became the parents of a son, Charles Fletcher Shipplett, who was a farmer by occupation. He married Bessie Virginia Bauserman, daughter of John and Sarah (Fetzer) Bauserman. As already noted, John Bauserman was engaged in blacksmithing. Their children were three in number, although two died in infancy.

The third, John E. Shipplett, attended public school at Mount Crawford, his Rockingham County birthplace, and subsequently studied at Bridgewater College and at the Dunsmore Business College. While attending school, he learned the miller's trade, alternating a year of study with a year of work in order to earn the expenses of his schooling. Afterward he was employed for three years by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, then was associated with the American Locomotive Works in Richmond. On June 4, 1917, he enlisted for service in World War I, entering the Quartermaster Corps with the 116th Infantry Regiment, Twenty-ninth Division. He was gassed while serving in France, and was honorably discharged May 28, 1919.

When he returned to civilian life, Mr. Shipplett first resumed his work as a miller. Then his physical condition, caused by his war experience, required a period of rest, following which he started the Shipplett Cleaning and Dye Works September 15, 1920. At the outset he and his wife themselves did most of the actual work of the business, using old-time hand irons and such anti-

quated equipment as they could gather together for the purpose. Taking care of whatever business came their way, they built up the enterprise to a position of leadership in the industry in this region. Then the Roller Uniform Manufacturing Company, Inc., was organized in 1927, but the cleaning plant was continued under the same name. In that year they moved to their present site in Mount Sidney, bringing both the original equipment of both plants and that which had been housed in a special addition. In 1935 Mr. Shipplett organized the Shenandoah Tailoring Company, which absorbed the two previously-mentioned companies.

Mr. Shipplett himself heads the work of the Shenandoah Tailoring Company as its president and treasurer. He also acts as general manager of the organization. He is capably assisted by John D. Crowle as vice-president and Colonel C. S. Roller as secretary. The two branches of the business are still kept separate. The cleaning and dyeing section is the most modern establishment of its kind in the Valley. Soon after starting his operations along this line in 1920, Mr. Shipplett drew heavily for patronage upon the different military academies and girls' colleges in the vicinity, with the result that the manufacturing company was soon busily engaged in the production of school uniforms and accessories. The two plants together employ forty-five to sixty persons. The two buildings adjoin each other. The cleaning branch has offices in both Staunton and Harrisonburg, and covers a territory ranging from Woodstock, in Shenandoah County, to Craigsville, while the plants are in Mount Sidney.

In addition to his work with the Shenandoah Tailoring Company, Mr. Shipplett is a leading figure in civic affairs. He is a past member of Staunton Chamber of Commerce. Some years ago, when his business was less all-absorbing, he was able to give still more time and attention to community life.

John E. Shipplett married Winnie Florence Moore, of Mount Sidney, Virginia, daughter of Henry and Betty (Shoemaker) Moore. They became the parents of the following children: 1. John E., Jr., born May 21, 1921, studied in public schools in Mount Sidney, was graduated from Augusta Military Academy, and married Callie Wallace. 2. Henry Roller, born September 26, 1922, attended local schools in Mount Sidney, then was graduated from Staunton Military Academy in 1942, after which he served in the army, being graduated from the Adjutant General School at

Washington, D. C., then serving with the Intelligence Department in the Middle East; after returning to civilian life, he joined his father in the business; he married Virginia Gochenour, a graduate of Mary Baldwin College, and they became the parents of a son, Henry Roller Shipplett, Jr., who was born October 24, 1948.

WILLIAM I. GROVE—Recognized as one of Augusta County's active farmers, William I. Grove centers extensive flour milling operations at Fort Defiance, Mount Crawford, Stuarts Draft and New Hope. He has his residence at New Hope.

Mr. Grove was born May 3, 1890, at Fort Defiance, Virginia, son of Jacob A. and Emma (Craig) Grove and a descendant of early pioneer settlers. His paternal line was established on this continent by three brothers from Holland, who spelled the name "Groff." One of them was Martin Grove, who adopted the Anglicized form of the name and became the first of the family to settle in the Shenandoah Valley. His home, built in 1828 on a 188-acre tract of land which he acquired, was one of the finest of that period. It contains one of the largest open fire places in Virginia which has a bake oven. In the house also are two hand carved mantels. This same acreage is now being farmed by William I. Grove, who, however, does not live on it. It is said to be one of the oldest properties in Virginia to be owned and continuously farmed by a single family uninterruptedly for four generations.

Martin Grove's son, Isaac Grove, and his wife, Catherine, became the parents of Jacob A. Grove, William I. Grove's father, who married Emma Craig, daughter of William Craig, a native of Albemarle County, Virginia. The Craigs were of Scotch-Irish ancestry, and William Craig, who was William I. Grove's maternal grandfather, served in the Confederate army during the War Between the States.

William I. Grove, youngest of three children of his parents, attended public schools in his native community of Fort Defiance, and at an early period became a student at the Fishburne Military Academy. Starting his career as a farmer, he afterward purchased the Fort Defiance Flour Mill from Norford and Garber in 1925. It is an old and notable milling property, a mill having been continuously located on the same site for more than 100 years. The mill stands on the bank of the Middle River, using water from that river for power. It has been thoroughly modernized,

and now produces several distinguished brands of flour—"Cream of Harvest," "None Better," "Norsona" and "Grove's Best." Its products are distributed throughout Virginia and both North and South Carolina.

In 1930 Mr. Grove bought another mill, this one situated at Mount Crawford. His third mill, purchased in 1937, was at Stuarts Draft, where he produces the "Good as Gold" brand of flour. Mr. Grove has acquired a farm of 188 acres along the Middle River, near New Hope, where he has his home and has acquired two fine herds of Hereford cattle totaling one hundred and forty head. He farms this property in addition to the original tract acquired by his great-grandfather, on which other members of the family reside.

In addition to his farming and milling activities, Mr. Grove takes a lively interest in the affairs of the Valley. He is a member of the Civitan Club, has served on the County Board, and is an elder in the historic Augusta Stone Church.

William I. Grove married Ethel Weeks, of Elizabeth City, North Carolina, daughter of James and Clara Virginia (Perry) Weeks. Mrs. Grove studied in Elizabeth City schools and at Kee-Mar College. The Groves became the parents of the following children: 1. William W., born September 7, 1921, attended rural schools, was graduated from Lee High School (Staunton) and Virginia Military Institute, then served with the 158th Combat Battalion in the First Army in the European Theatre of Operations, holding the first lieutenant's rank; he married Elizabeth Fontenot, of New Orleans, Louisiana, and now manages his father's mill at Stuarts. 2. Dorothy Virginia, born September 11, 1924, studied in public schools, then completed her course at William and Mary College; she became the wife of Robert Lamberton, of Kansas City. 3. James E., born April 4, 1927, attended public schools, graduated from Green Briar College, served in the South Pacific with the navy during World War II, now associated with his father at the Fort Defiance Flour Mill. 4. Wanda, born January 21, 1929, attended public schools, then entered William and Mary College as a member of the class of 1950.

FELIX E. EDMUNDS—Active in the professional affairs of Waynesboro and the surrounding Virginia district, Felix E. Edmunds is recognized as one of the foremost citizens of his community.

Mr. Edmunds was born April 25, 1899, in Java, Pittsylvania County, Virginia, son of D. Lee and

Alice (Wood) Edmunds, both natives of that county. His grandfather, Arnold Edmunds, was also born there, and was a soldier of the Confederacy, killed in active service during the War Between the States. Farming was the major occupation of D. Lee Edmunds, Felix E. Edmunds' father, who married Alice Wood, daughter of the Rev. M. L. Wood, a Baptist minister. D. Lee and Alice (Wood) Edmunds became the parents of eight children, one of whom died in infancy.

Felix E. Edmunds, second youngest of the eight, received his formal schooling at Yanceyville, North Carolina, where he attended grammar school and was graduated from high school. Later he was a student at Mars Hill College, in North Carolina, as well as at the North Carolina State Teachers' College. He took a pre-law course at the University of Richmond, then was admitted to the bar in 1925. His first employment in his profession was with the Lawyers' Title Insurance Company, in Richmond, where he remained until he became junior school instructor at Staunton Military Academy. After a short time there, Mr. Edmunds was made junior attorney for the United States Government and assigned to the Internal Revenue Department in Buffalo, New York. From Buffalo he came to Waynesboro, where he established his law practice in 1929.

Practicing independently until January 1, 1949, he was then joined by a partner, Mr. Freed, who continues his association with Mr. Edmunds down to the time of writing. Mr. Edmunds also served for several terms in the Virginia State Legislature, to which he was elected on the Democratic ticket. In that body he sponsored legislation which resulted in first class city status for Waynesboro. He also took the initiative in furtherance of a bill establishing a corporation court, and sponsored numerous worth while measures. During World War I, Mr. Edmunds was a member of the Student Army Training Corps in North Carolina. He was subsequently commander of Griffith Newman Post of the American Legion, in Waynesboro. He has served on the Democratic committee of his county and as president of both the Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club and was elected April, 1950, as District Governor of the 275th district of Rotary International. He was formerly a deacon in the Baptist Church. During World War II he spent two years in New York City, where he was associated with Hopeman Brothers Corporation in war contract work.

Felix E. Edmunds married Frances Fitzpatrick, of Nelson County, Virginia, daughter of John T.

Fitzpatrick. Mrs. Edmunds is a graduate of Randolph-Macon College, at Lynchburg, Virginia.

THE LOTH BROTHERS—Active in the conduct of the Cavalier and Wayne theatres, two modern motion picture houses in Waynesboro, the Loth Brothers have gained wide recognition and distinction for their work. Francis R. Loth, vice-president of the Waynesboro Theatres Corporation, is also mayor of the city and one of its leading citizens. With his two brothers, Carl C. and J. Ellison Loth, and Colonel Max Patterson, he is engaged in operation of the theatres and of the Cavalier Bowling Alleys.

Francis R. Loth was born March 23, 1901, son of William Jefferson and Frances (Rust) Loth, who were the parents of five sons, all born in Waynesboro—William J., Jr., Moritz A. R., Carl C., Francis R. and J. Ellison Loth.

Private schools provided Francis R. Loth's early formal education, and he had two years at Augusta Military Academy and three years at Virginia Military Institute before entering the University of Virginia. His first employment was as an assistant buyer of the Universal Leaf Tobacco Company, with whom he remained for five years. Returning to Waynesboro, he joined the theatre partnership in 1925. It had already been in operation for three years. His brother, Carl C. Loth, and Colonel Patterson had founded it as a partnership venture in 1922. The Star Theatre, which they originally bought, was later sold. Meanwhile, they also started the Waynesboro Theatres Corporation, which they incorporated in 1929. The officers of the corporate body established at that time were: Colonel Patterson, president; Francis R. Loth, vice-president; J. Ellison Loth, secretary; and Carl C. Loth, treasurer.

The group built two fine brick theatres — the Wayne and the Cavalier, mentioned above, both beautifully-appointed, up-to-the-minute picture houses. The Cavalier Bowling Alleys, with sixteen separate alleys situated on two floors, was a later adjunct of the theatre organization, occupying a well-built, two-story brick structure which has become a favorite rendezvous for Waynesboro's young people. It has a snappy snack bar, and the materials that have gone into construction of the alleys themselves are of the finest. The theatres are also highly popular. The Wayne was the city's first modern picture theatre. It was opened in 1926. The Cavalier was opened in 1929 in the new Cavalier Building, housing the theatre,

the luncheonette and a six-lane bowling alley, as well as the Wayne Theatres Corporation offices. The third building erected by the corporation, designed to house the bowling alleys separately, went up in 1941 on Federal Street. Repeatedly the organization has remodeled the equipment of all its properties to bring them fully up to date, taking advantage of new and safe construction and advances in motion picture techniques. The best pictures are frequently shown at the Wayne and the Cavalier before they have appeared in Richmond, Washington or New York. As recently as the closing months of 1949 the Wayne Theatre was being remodeled and provided with an enlarged auditorium, lobby and foyer, with new and up-to-date theatre chairs, comfortably spaced, as well as a new lounge, powder room and smoking room. The color scheme marks modernism in the decorative scheme.

In addition to his work with the theatres and bowling alley, Francis R. Loth has rendered valuable community service in Waynesboro. He was elected to the City Council, beginning his service in 1940 and so continuing down to the time of writing. He was vice-mayor from 1946 to 1948, then was elected mayor, in which office he is serving. He served in Company 101 of the Virginia State Guard, beginning in February, 1941, with the rank of first lieutenant. He commanded the company from July, 1943, until it was inactivated in April, 1947. He is a past president of the Waynesboro Rotary Club and the Waynesboro Game and Fish Protective Association (which he headed for seven years), past president of the Virginia Division of the Izaak Walton League, and a member of the Virginia Academy of Science, the Commonwealth Club of Richmond, the Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity and the Episcopal Church. He is also active in the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he is affiliated with Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite bodies and has taken the eighteenth degree.

Francis R. Loth married, July 17, 1928, Katherine Lawrence Mayer, of Baltimore, Maryland, daughter of William L. and Sarah (Meakin) Mayer. Her father is now deceased. Mrs. Loth attended Hannah Moore Academy, at Reisters-town, Baltimore County, Maryland, a Baltimore suburb. They became the parents of two children: 1. Francis R., Jr., born January 6, 1937. 2. William J., III, born April 15, 1939.

Carl C. Loth, Francis R. Loth's brother, was born November 16, 1896, in Waynesboro, and attended local public schools and Augusta Military

Academy. He then entered Cornell University. In March, 1917, before the United States had yet become a party to World War I, he joined the French army as a volunteer, serving for six months as an ambulance driver. On October 20 of that year he was transferred to the United States Army, in which he was a first lieutenant in the aviation section of the Signal Corps. He was in active service in France until May, 1919, when he returned home and proceeded to take over the managership of the Brunswick Inn, which his mother owned. He operated that establishment until it was sold in 1929.

Meanwhile, in 1922, Carl C. Loth joined with Colonel Max Patterson to buy the Star Theatre, which later was sold. In 1925, as indicated above, they were joined by Francis R. Loth. The group in charge of the theatre corporation made great forward strides as indicated above, repeatedly doing everything possible to modernize and improve the theatre and bowling alley service and equipment. Carl C. Loth's participation was interrupted, however, with his return to active military duty in July, 1941. He had been a member of the Reserve Corps, and with the beginning of World War II he was inducted into the Air Corps. For a year he was stationed in St. Louis. Then he spent a year in Florida, eight months in England and a year at Camp Patrick Henry. He is still in the Reserve Corps of the army, with the rank of full colonel.

Returning to Waynesboro after the war, he resumed his civilian interests here. In addition to his work with the Waynesboro Theatres Corporation, Mr. Loth is active in operation of the Valley Airport, which he joined with Captain Harold H. Fauber and Captain Ray C. Beveridge to organize in 1927. In 1948 they took over the Lexington Airport, which they operate today. Mr. Loth is also president of the Augusta Realty Company. In association with Felix E. Edmunds (q. v.), Robert White, Fleming Hurt and Major Wilkins, Mr. Loth organized the Waynesboro Country Club, today one of the community's flourishing social institutions. He belongs to the American Legion, is a member of the Ninth Regional Army Advisory Committee, is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, and is an Episcopalian in his religious faith.

Carl C. Loth married Mary Ellis Beasley, of Keenansville, North Carolina, who attended Peace Institute.

The third brother active in the theatre management is J. Ellison Loth, secretary of the organi-



Rev. James P. Gauguier

zation. He was born January 22, 1903, and studied at the Virginia Episcopal School. Later he entered the University of Virginia, where he received the Bachelor of Science degree in 1926. In that same year he joined the theatre organization, in which he has continued to be active down to the time of writing. He is a member of the Episcopal Church and the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity.

J. Ellison Loth married Jane T. Turner, of Lexington, Kentucky, a graduate of the University of Kentucky, who died November 18, 1948. They became the parents of two children: 1. J. Ellison, Jr., born August 23, 1940. 2. Calder C., born July 30, 1943.

VERY REV. JAMES P. GACQUIN, V.F.—In Staunton and Virginia, the Rev. James P. Gacquin is honored for his priestly zeal in the promotion of the sanctification of souls and faithful devotion to the advancement of works of religion, education and charity. All his clerical experience has been identified with the State, in Petersburg, Hopewell, and very recently in Staunton, as pastor of St. Francis Catholic Church. In each parish he made a name for himself, not alone as a priest, but as a public-spirited citizen, an advocate of education, and a man ever ready to co-operate with worthy efforts to further the best interests of the community and the welfare of its people.

James P. Gacquin was born in County Roscommon, Ireland, on November 19, 1896, one of the seven children of Thomas and Mary (Smythe) Gacquin. In studying for the priesthood, he was educated at All Hallows College, in Dublin, Ireland, and after completing his theological studies was ordained on June 20, 1920, by Bishop Robin Todd. On November 1st of that year he came to America and was appointed assistant pastor at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Petersburg, Virginia. Here he remained until 1927, when he became the pastor of St. James Catholic Church at Hopewell, where he spent twenty fruitful years in the parish and community. Since September 28, 1947, he has been the pastor of St. Francis Catholic Church, in Staunton, esteemed and beloved for his inspiring leadership in religious and lay activities, and noteworthy administrative abilities. The Rev. Gacquin is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus, and other religious groups, and is a popular member of the Kiwanis Club, and a much sought speaker by business, civic and humanitarian organizations. A noteworthy fact in his family is that one sister,

Olive, is a teacher at St. John of God College, at Torres Novas, Portugal, and Sister Theresa is a teacher at St. Joseph's in Dublin, Ireland. Both are Sisters of the St. Joseph Order.

St. Francis Congregation

A few months after the Rev. James P. Gacquin was born in Ireland, the St. Francis Catholic Church was dedicated in Staunton, Virginia, on February 7, 1897, by Bishop, the Rt. Rev. A. Van DeVyer, assisted by the pastor of the church, the Rev. Father McVerry, and others. The cornerstone had been laid with appropriate ceremonies on September 10, 1895. An adequate description of the church probably has no place in this biographical section of a history. Sufficient to say that its type of architecture was early English Gothic. Various types of stone were introduced in its structure, with heavy buttresses and deep arched windows, with main and minor spires reaching high to the sky. In the belfry was installed what was then the largest bell in the city. The interior nave of the church was seventy by fifty feet with a seating capacity of four hundred and seventy-six persons.

The history of St. Francis Church and parish begins when the Rev. Daniel Downey was the first Catholic priest to visit Staunton. He came here in January, 1841, and celebrated mass for the first time in a brick house on Water Street, where Mr. Quinlan lived. There were not a dozen Catholics here at that time. He attended the Catholics in Lynchburg, along the James River canal, down the Valley, east of the Blue Ridge, and also through portions of what is now West Virginia. He often made trips of three hundred miles on horseback, to attend to the spiritual wants of his scattered flock, enduring great hardships and fatigue. He built the old church in Lynchburg.

A school was established by him here, and has continued ever since. The lot that belongs to the church was donated by Mr. Michael Quinlan in 1848. The next pastor was the Rev. T. O. Al Sealo, a convert, who served here until February, 1859. Then this congregation was attended from Richmond by the Rev. John Teeling, D.D., occasionally, until June, 1861, when the Rev. Joseph Bixio took charge. He will be remembered as a very zealous and holy man. He remained until October, 1866. Then this town was attended occasionally from Lynchburg by the Rev. Father Farran until June, 1867, when the Rev. J. A. Weed, a convert and formerly an Episcopal minister, was appointed pastor. He was very much

revered by the people, and remained here until the end of the year 1870, when he went to the hospital in Norfolk, and died there on March 21, 1871.

The Rev. John McVerry arrived here on December 23, 1870, and in 1896 celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of his pastorate in Staunton.

The church will have its 100th Anniversary October 15, 1950. A comprehensive history of the parish is being prepared by Miss Ann Kivlighan of Staunton, Virginia.

St. Francis School

The first school house was built in 1869, and the parochial residence was erected in 1873 and 1874, and an addition was built in 1881. The Sisters of Charity took charge of the parochial school in September, 1878. Since that time the school has flourished, and has brought many special blessings on the old and young of this congregation. The Sisters' house was built in 1880, adjoining the school. The teachers are Sisters of Charity of the St. Vincent DePaul Order.

PAUL A. KLANN—Engaged in a father-and-son partnership in conduct of the Klann Organ Supply Company, Paul A. Klann is the junior member of this business house, which is recognized as one of the Waynesboro's outstanding institutions.

Paul A. Klann was born May 9, 1922, in Waynesboro, Virginia, son of August A. and Frances (Wetzel) Klann and member of an old family of German origin. The paternal grandparents were August and Augusta (Zenl) Klann. August A. Klann, Paul A. Klann's father, was born January 4, 1872, in Kreis Moringen, Oestreich, Germany. After completing his preliminary education in his home community, he was required to serve in the German military organization. Afterward he was employed in Austria and Switzerland, then spent three years in Paris, gaining a broad cosmopolitan understanding and greatly enlarging his interests. He had learned cabinetmaking in Germany, and always found employment wherever he went. In 1900 August A. Klann came to America, settling first of all in California, where he remained for twelve years, learning the organ manufacturing industry from A to Z. He came to Waynesboro in 1914, but after working here for but a short time he removed to Alliance, Ohio, where he established his own business as an organ supplies manufacturer.

Subsequently he sold that business, however, and returned to Waynesboro. In this Virginia community he founded his own factory in 1918, soon outgrowing his original small quarters and building his own fine two-story brick building to accommodate his enterprise. This building has 50,000 square feet of floor space and is equipped with a full line of modern machinery which has helped the business to prosper. It was built in 1927, and in 1928 an addition was made to it.

August A. Klann married Frances Wetzel. They became the parents of two children: 1. Bertha, who was graduated from schools and high school in Waynesboro, then attended business college, and now holds a responsible secretarial position in Washington, D. C. 2. Paul A., of further mention.

Paul A. Klann attended Waynesboro schools, was graduated from high school here, then entered the Navy for service during World War II. He served in the South Pacific for the duration of hostilities, after which he returned to Waynesboro and joined with his father in the operation of the Klann Organ Supply Company. Until recently this company was the only business of its kind in Virginia. It employs, in busy periods, as many as fifty persons. Father and son together manufacture all types of organ supplies. They build consoles, and make everything for the organ, except pipes. Their products are distributed throughout the United States, and they also do some exporting.

Their machinery and facilities are of the best, and accordingly they are able, in addition to carrying on the business for which the company was established, to do some contract work for larger industries in this part of Virginia. The younger Mr. Klann has added his voice to management, and together the father and son are doing everything in their power to make their company valuable to Waynesboro. Paul A. Klann is also interested in amateur photography and experimental radio work. He and his sister and mother are members of the Catholic Church.

CLYDE M. LAMBERT—As head of the Lambert Manufacturing Company, which has served its community for sixty years in the manufacture of mill supplies, Clyde M. Lambert rates as one of Waynesboro's leading figures in the industrial field. The Lambert Manufacturing Company was organized by the Lambert brothers in 1890, and has been engaged in the production of

building supplies and lumber since that time. The brothers who founded the organization were Charles, Robert, and S. H. Lambert, the latter of whom was Clyde Lambert's father. The firm name was changed from Lambert Brothers to the Lambert Manufacturing Company, Inc., in 1900. The brothers originally started business where the present plant stands. This first building, however, was destroyed by fire. On its being rebuilt, production of the same line of materials was continued. All of the original founders of the Lambert Manufacturing Company are deceased. The present company, which was incorporated October 1, 1948, included Clyde M. Lambert, president and treasurer. T. W. Shiflet is vice-president of the corporation, and N. F. H. Morrison is secretary.

The building which represents the company's plant today has a frontage of two hundred and fifty feet, is of modern design, and completely equipped with every facility for the production and handling of mill supplies. At the present time the Lambert plant employs fifteen persons, although at many times the payroll by far exceeds that figure in response to seasonal demands. The organization itself has served the people of Waynesboro continuously since 1890, and the name of Lambert has, in that city, become synonymous with a high quality of merchandise, reliable service and ethical dealings.

Born in Waynesboro, June 20, 1879, Clyde M. Lambert is a son of Sandy Hall and Annie (Ferguson) Lambert. He received his education at Danville Military Academy, and continued at Trinity College in Durham, North Carolina. On completion of his formal education, he joined his father's organization, and advanced to positions of responsibility in its operation. When all three of the original founders were no longer active in the business, Clyde M. Lambert advanced to the presidency. Under his leadership, the Lambert Manufacturing Company has continued to uphold its tradition of service, and its high quality in manufactured products. In addition to lumber, its plant produces large quantities of siding and flooring. It offers its complete millwork facilities for any remodeling project, including custom-made kitchen cabinets, bookcases, storm sash and doors, stair rails, and interior house trim and moldings. The building materials of other manufacturers which it sells are nationally recognized lines, among them Johns Manville rock wool and asbestos siding, United States Gypsum Company plaster, rock lath and sheetrock, Row window units, and Penn-Dixie cement.

Mr. Lambert is a charter member of the Rotary in Waynesboro, and he is also a member of the Knights of Pythias and the Presbyterian Church. As a commercial leader of Waynesboro, it is only natural that his experience and sound judgment have been called upon in other corporate organizations, particularly banks. He is president of the Southern Industrial Loan Association and is vice-president of the Citizens Waynesboro Bank and Trust Company.

Clyde M. Lambert has been married twice. He married, first, Josephine G. Garland of Huntington, West Virginia. The only child of that union is Dorothy Lambert, who received her education at Stuart Hall and Holton Arms. She married William H. Mondell and their two children are William H., Jr., and Anne. Mr. Lambert married, second, Anne Benn, a native of Tennessee. She is a graduate of Queen's College, Charlotte, North Carolina, and prior to her marriage was a teacher of voice at Fairfax Hall.

REV. EUGENE P. WALSH, pastor of St. John's Catholic Church in Waynesboro, Virginia, is in spiritual charge of a congregation of a hundred families, whose parish edifice is certainly one of the most beautiful in the Shenandoah Valley. Father Walsh has distinguished himself in the service of his Church, not only as parish priest, but in military service. During the years of World War II, he served as army chaplain throughout the Pacific area of combat, in Australia, the Philippines, and in the area of the Japanese home islands. This experience has broadened Father Walsh's outlook, and better enabled him to serve his parishioners in the modest confines of a peacetime community.

Born in Erie, Pennsylvania, in 1907, Rev. Eugene P. Walsh received his education at Mount St. Mary's in Emmitsburg, Maryland, thus making his acquaintance with the Southern states where he has since found ample opportunity for service. On completion of his classical and theological studies in Emmitsburg, he was ordained to the priesthood of the Roman Catholic Church, in 1933, and was immediately appointed assistant to the pastor at Colonial Beach, Virginia, for the three-month summer season. Father Walsh thereafter went to Keyser, West Virginia, as assistant. From 1935 to 1940, he was chaplain in the Civilian Conservation Corps, serving camps in Virginia. He was then for one year assistant pastor at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Richmond.

In 1941, Father Walsh offered his services to

the United States Army, and being made chaplain, served with the armed forces of our country in combat areas until 1946. Few of those who bore arms faced their duty with greater devotion and steadfastness of purpose than did Father Walsh, and few were more continuously called upon to serve in combat areas. After being stationed in Australia, he was next sent to the Philippines when these island outposts were recovered by our troops; and he was on the "Missouri", in Japanese waters, when the treaty of surrender was signed with the Nipponese leaders, and our flag raised over the subjugated land. During his period of service, Father Walsh advanced steadily in rank, for as a "fighting priest" he displayed all the attributes of a good soldier. He now holds a commission as full colonel in the Reserve Corps.

Resuming the thread of his service to the church as civilian in 1946, Rev. Eugene P. Walsh returned to the Virginia Diocese, and was appointed pastor of St. John's Catholic Church at Waynesboro. The place of worship which serves his congregation is noted for its architectural beauty. It is a gift of Margaret Burns of Staunton, and its architect was Samuel Collins. Prior to the time of its erection in 1931, this Waynesboro Parish was a mission served by priests from St. Francis' Church at Staunton. Father Walsh became its first resident pastor. He has in his spiritual charge over one hundred families. Continuing in his present location since May, 1946, Father Walsh has performed the work of his church as ably and faithfully as he served both that church and his country during the recent world conflict.

JACOB C. BOWARD—Identified for a number of years with the transfer business in the Shenandoah Valley, Jacob C. Boward is proprietor and operator of the Boward Transfer Company, whose vans and trailers cover the highways throughout the East. As his enterprise has grown, Mr. Boward has become an increasingly important figure in the commercial life of his community. He is now nearing his thirtieth year of service in the transfer business.

Born in Augusta County, December 29, 1891, Jacob C. Boward is a son of John H. and Hettie (Crum) Boward. The name of his paternal grandfather was also John H., and he came to America from France, settled in Greencastle, Pennsylvania, and subsequently moved to Virginia. There his son, also named John H., purchased a farm, which was in the Boward family for fifty-eight years

until its recent sale. The younger John H. Boward married Hettie Crum, who was a daughter of Jacob Crum, a native of Germany who settled in Virginia and served as a soldier in the Confederate States Army.

The second of eleven children of John H. and Hettie (Crum) Boward, all of which children are living, Jacob C. Boward attended public schools in Churchville, Virginia. His first business connection was with the B. W. Crum Feed and Grain Company, operated by his uncle. His connection with this family business began in 1913, and continued until 1921, when Jacob C. Boward determined to enter business in his own name. His chief occupational interest lay in transportation, however, and he first established the Boward Transfer Company in Staunton. In 1927, his material equipment consisted of one mobile unit, but he has built up his enterprise rapidly from that humble start, and now has sixteen large trailers and fourteen trucks and tractors. His company gives regular employment to twenty men, and serves all of Virginia, North and South Carolina, Maryland, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York, Delaware, West Virginia, and parts of Tennessee—indeed is prepared to contract for moving to or from any point in the Eastern Seaboard states. Mr. Boward's concern at present represents United Van Lines, a national organization which maintains high standards in its business.

Mr. Boward first entered business in Staunton at a location on Central Avenue. He later moved to 116 South Lewis because he needed space for a steadily growing organization. Their future home, which will consist of a terminal, warehouses and office, is being erected on four acres on Route #11, just inside the city limits south of Staunton.

He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce in Staunton, and of Shenandoah Valley, Inc., and is a communicant of the Christ Lutheran Church. During World War I, Mr. Boward served his country in the Engineer Corps, 2nd Regiment Headquarters, remaining within the continental United States throughout his period of service. He has served his community no less well, in times of peace, having constructively supported civic projects.

Married to the former Virginia M. Riley, of Swoope, Virginia, Jacob C. Boward is the father of three children: 1. Mary Jane, who is a graduate of Staunton High School and Dunsmore Business College. She married C. A. Grimm, Jr., and their children are Virginia Lee, Ronnie C., and



Mr. W. Lisco.

Sharon Ann. 2. Catherine Virginia. She died at the age of eighteen months. 3. Fred R., who received his education at Staunton grade and high schools, at Greenbrier, and at the University of Virginia, where he was a member of the Reserve Officers Training Corps.

Mr. Boward's address is 116 South Lewis Street, Staunton.

EDWARD JUDSON KERFOOT—As treasurer of Front Royal Motors, Inc., Edward Judson Kerfoot occupies a position of leadership in business life in this region of Virginia. This company has the agency for Ford automobiles and trucks in an area covering all of Warren County, and its fine showroom, garage and service station on North Royal Avenue has brought the organization distinction throughout this portion of the Valley.

Mr. Kerfoot was born March 21, 1914, in Warren County, Virginia, son of Edward J. and Margaret (Macatee) Kerfoot. His father died November 17, 1924 at Front Royal; his mother died July 29, 1950.

Warren County schools provided Edward Judson Kerfoot's early education, and he was graduated in 1931 from high school here, then had a course at Front Royal Business College. The initial work of his career was in the motor car industry. He became associated in 1930 with the Herr Motor Company, which then held the Ford agency in Front Royal, continuing with W. R. Lee, who took over the dealership in 1932. In 1934 Mr. Kerfoot himself purchased an interest in the Lee organization, continuing with it until he entered the accounting department of the American Viscose Corporation, in Front Royal, in 1942. From 1942 to 1944 he carried forward his work in that connection. It was in June, 1945, that he formed a partnership with Reuben H. Brady—a business which they incorporated on January 1, 1949, as Front Royal Motors, Inc., of which Mr. Kerfoot is now treasurer.

This company employs twenty-three persons at the time of writing, and is widely known in the automotive industry throughout Virginia. He is a member of the Auto Trade Association of Virginia and of the National Auto Dealers' Association, and so contributes in a general way to the advancement of both the company and the industry as a whole. He is active also in the Lions' Club of Front Royal and is a director of the local Chamber of Commerce. He is a Democrat in his political views, and belongs to the Presbyterian Church.

Edward Judson Kerfoot married, May 1, 1941, in Hagerstown, Maryland, Gail A. Mitchell, of that place, daughter of Joseph E. and the late Mary S. Mitchell. Mr. and Mrs. Kerfoot became the parents of two children, both born at Front Royal, Virginia: 1. Edward J., Jr., born November 27, 1944. 2. Margaret S., born March 16, 1948.

MICHAEL W. FIELDS—Because of its advantageous location, Staunton is the seat of a number of industries that cater to a large surrounding territory. In the bakery field of operations, the firm of Beck and Fields, Inc., is one of the relatively recent corporations, but one that has carried out a constantly expanding program with eminent success. Michael W. Fields, after a brief period of partnership, and the retirement in 1947 of Mr. Beck, incorporated the company with other associates under the trade name as formerly used, and has since directed its operations as president. Extensive early experience amply fitted him for his present important post, and he is fortunate in possessing the abilities for constructive leadership and for winning the loyalty of employees and fellow executives, that promises well for the future.

Michael W. Fields was born in Bedford County, Virginia, on July 30, 1911, the son of John V. and Roberta (Lacey) Fields, next to the youngest of the seven children in the family, all of whom are living. He was educated in the Huddleston grammar and high schools, and then went with the Jamison Chain Groceries Company in connection with their bakery division at Roanoke. He liked his work, and with faith in its future, he took the time and money to go to the Siebel Bakery School in Chicago, Illinois. After completing his studies, he was employed as a production manager by the Dottie Lee Baking Company for two and a half years in Chicago. Then for a short time he was with the Dutch Baker Boy Company in Washington, D. C., before joining the Alexandria Baking Company in Alexandria, Virginia. This concern was owned by Peter M. Dorsch. He continued this connection with Mr. Dorsch in Staunton at the Spalding Baking Company from 1937 until 1941.

From that year, until his entry into the Armed Services as a flight instructor in 1943, Mr. Fields managed baking plants in Waynesboro and Danville for Scott-Horner and Mason, a Lynchburg company. Upon his return from service, he managed baking plants for this same company in Waynesboro and Richmond. In July, 1947, he joined Charles F. Beck in a business partnership

on Central Avenue, trading as Beck and Fields Bakery. Shortly afterward Mr. Beck sold his interest to A. L. Plummer, and the business was incorporated December 31, 1947, as Beck and Fields, Inc. Mr. Plummer dissolved his association in July, 1948.

Of Beck and Fields, Inc., the 1949 officers were: Michael W. Fields, president; Floyd Parrish, vice-president; George B. Tullidge, secretary-treasurer. These men are also directors of the company, together with Michael E. Kivlighan.

In 1949, a Staunton newspaper announced: "Beck and Fields, Inc., specialists in the production of pastries, has completed another move in its expansion program with concentration of all its production facilities under one roof. The bakery now is established in a large new building on West Beverley Street. There, in a cinderblock structure, Beck and Fields is producing its full line of pastries, cakes, pies, doughnuts, special breads, and rolls. The establishment on Central Avenue continues as a retail outlet." All equipment is of the most modern type and arranged for the full production of an adequate delivery of goods. A fleet of thirteen trucks is in operation, making wholesale deliveries in Staunton and surrounding territory. More than half a hundred persons are employed.

Mr. Fields contributes of time and means to community projects and is a member of the Second Presbyterian Church. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Blue Lodge, Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, and other bodies of the Free and Accepted Masons, including Acca Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

On May 2, 1942, Michael W. Fields married Mary Elizabeth Smiley of Staunton, daughter of Robert S. and Alberta (Marcus) Smiley, her mother deceased. She is a graduate of grade and Robert E. Lee High School, and the Dunsmore Business College, and is an active member of the Order of the Eastern Star. Mr. and Mrs. Fields are the parents of two children: 1. Sandra Elizabeth, born September 26, 1943. 2. Michael W., Jr., born September 3, 1946.

OLAF OAS—A prominent figure in business affairs in Waynesboro who has found in the United States full opportunity to develop his abilities in commercial leadership is Olaf Oas, a native of Norway, who has become president and treasurer of the Wayne Manufacturing Corporation. The firm engages in mill work, and

specializes in the production of ship interiors. The nature of the company's manufacturing efforts were such as to make its work of vital importance at the time of World War II, when the plant's payroll grew to many times its normal size. It typifies a modern corporation of progressive management, which is a vital link in the economic life of its community.

Born in Norway in 1890, Olaf Oas is a son of Carl and Magda (Seim) Oas. The family moved to America in 1893, and settled near Boston, Massachusetts. Their son, who is the subject of this sketch, three years of age at the time of their arrival in the United States, was one of seven children, of whom five are living. He graduated from high school in Philadelphia, and continued his education at Drexel Institute in that city.

For ten years after concluding his education, Mr. Oas worked in a bank in Philadelphia, thereby gaining a thorough groundwork of business experience. He was then for seven years paymaster for a shipbuilding and drydock company. Mr. Oas came to Waynesboro in 1924 to assume management of the Wayne Lumber and Manufacturing Company. This organization had purchased a former woodworking plant in June, 1922. Starting in general mill work, the Wayne Lumber and Manufacturing Company, had fifteen to twenty persons on its payroll from the time it started operations. It later entered into the manufacture of joiner work. This production was for ships, and wood only was used.

The company has operated under its present name, the Wayne Manufacturing Corporation, since 1937. It has continued in the same production field as formerly, but has shifted from wood to steel as its basic material in the manufacture of its products. During World War II, the company gave employment to over two thousand people, and had extensive contracts for government work. After the conclusion of hostilities it resumed normal operation, and now maintains a staff of a little over two hundred skilled workers in the building of requirements for ship interiors. The plant is recognized throughout the Shenandoah Valley as a model for its type of work. It is spacious, and offers pleasant, modern working conditions for its employees. Mr. Oas is president and treasurer of the Wayne Manufacturing Corporation.

Active likewise in the banking field, he is director of the First National Bank and director of the Southern Industrial Loan Association. He is also a director of the Wayne Hotel Association,

and is a member of the Waynesboro Chamber of Commerce. He has taken a constructive part in civic affairs. Mr. Oas is fraternally affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.

Olaf Oas married Elizabeth M. Lee, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and they are the parents of two children: 1. Robert L., who was born in 1915 and received his education in Waynesboro public grade and high schools. He is a graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute. During World War II, he served in the United States Army in the North African area of the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater, and was commissioned a captain. Upon his return to civilian life, he joined the Wayne Manufacturing Corporation. Robert L. Oas married Elsie Claire Cox of Lynchburg, and they are the parents of two children. 2. Dorothy, who was born in Pennsylvania in 1917. She too was educated in the Waynesboro grade and high schools, at Madison College, and the University of Virginia. She married Cecil E. Harding, and they have two children.

Mr. Oas's address is 713 Pine Avenue, Waynesboro.

JOHN ROBERT POLAND, SR.—In what is frequently called the Eastern Panhandle section of West Virginia, John Robert Poland, Sr., is honored as one of its distinguished industrial leaders. He sought opportunity in this area and Martinsburg, and this State has reason to be eternally grateful for the initiative, organizational abilities, and plain hard work that has made this city the seat of one of the outstanding enterprises, The Perfection Garment Company. Initiated in a small shop a few years after the turn of the century, he developed a business that with its branches furnishes employment to an exceptionally large number of people. In benefiting himself, he inevitably benefited greatly several communities, and thereby became a truly great industrialist and citizen, esteemed by all familiar with his career and character.

John Robert Poland, Sr., was born in Allegany County, Maryland, on March 25, 1871, son of Gwinn and Anna Vizela (Cresap) Poland, both natives of a community near Keyser on the Maryland side of the Potomac River. When most boys were privileged to acquire a broad education, financial conditions, family and national, made it necessary for him to start making a livelihood. Not until he was twenty-eight years of age did he decide to attend a business college in Bedford, Virginia. Already he had completed his formal

education in Burlington, West Virginia, schools, and had a dozen years experience in coal mining and clerking in coal company stores at Elk Garden, in the Allegheny Mountains. From the Bedford business college he went to Richmond, Indiana, where from 1898 to 1901, he was connected with a department store. While so engaged he arrived at the opinion that something could be done to make misses and ladies underwear and cotton dresses more reasonably priced and of better quality. With this idea in mind he became a salesman for a Martinsburg concern which made only skirts. And it was while working here that he managed to earn the money necessary to open his own business on a small scale. He made his first business move in 1903 when the company he was then working for went out of business.

"His first Perfection shop" said a commentator, "was a small one-room affair located in a small building on Winchester Avenue next to the Berkeley Lumber Company. Within a short time the house dresses which his four women operators were turning out on those two machines, became so popular that it was necessary to expand. He then moved his business to the Dan Heiston Building on West Race Street. Within a few years this location also became too small and the business was then moved to larger quarters near the south entrance to the subway on North Queen Street. Some years later it was moved to the present location."

Mr. Poland, Sr., is president of and the controlling stockholder of the Perfection Garment Company that manufactures six thousand dresses per day in its several plants, and distributes them all over the United States. The main plant in Martinsburg, established in 1903, employs above four hundred people; the Charlestown branch, organized in 1925, has some one hundred and twenty-five hands; the Keyser branch, launched in 1947, uses about eighty persons. All are in West Virginia. The company was awarded in national competition, the Certificate of Merit, by the House Dress Division at the third annual Factory Made Dress Display and Convention, held in Chicago, Illinois, on May 20, 21, and 22, 1930.

An editor in sketching the life of Mr. Poland and paying tribute to his achievements wrote in part:

It was forty-seven years ago that a tall energetic young man by the name of John R. Poland came over the Allegheny Mountains from his native locale of Allegany County, Maryland, into the Eastern Panhandle section of West Virginia to venture into a new business. In the interim the Perfection Garment Company, the enterprise

which the then 32-year-old ambitious adventurer had the courage and foresight to create, has made him not only a typical industrial giant in this section and the State, but also one of the more outstanding civic leaders in the Eastern Panhandle and surrounding areas. The business which Mr. Poland has built from the two sewing machines and four women operators which he started out with in 1905, has through his capable leadership and direction, been developed into one of the largest industries in this section and State. And although Mr. Poland has achieved success and his goal in business, he has no thoughts for retirement at the present, but prefers working every day harder than ever, directing the main Perfection plant and also keeping an eye on the expansion program now in progress in Keyser.

Despite his executive responsibilities, Mr. Poland makes time for varied activities, local, State and national. He is a member of the National Manufacturers Association and the West Virginia State Manufacturers Association. A staunch Republican in political views he has served on the Martinsburg School Board, the City Council, and was for five years on the Board of Governors of the University of West Virginia. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, the Blue Lodge, the Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, the Commandery, Knights Templar, the Council, Royal and Select Masters and Osiris Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Mr. Poland has been a member of the Martinsburg Chamber of Commerce for the past third of a century, a director and also past president of it. He was one of three men instrumental in organizing the Martinsburg Rotary Club twenty-nine years ago, and he is still an active member. He has also been a director and a past president. The youth in this city and section have also benefited from Mr. Poland's services, as he has for many years been active in Boy Scout work, serving on the Board, in both Martinsburg and the Shenandoah Area Council. A lifelong member of the Methodist Church, Mr. Poland has for years been a member of the Board of Stewards of Trinity Methodist Church here. And the Men's Bible Class, which he has taught for the past twenty-seven years, is now one of the largest Bible classes in this section. As for charitable contributions, Mr. Poland has always contributed much time and effort to the annual Red Cross and Community Chest drives, especially with regard to handling contributions from his employees.

John Robert Poland married May Supplee of Martinsburg, and they are the parents of three children: 1. John Robert, Jr., a graduate of Martinsburg high school, and the University of

West Virginia, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts; currently he is general manager of the Perfection Garment Company; he married Mary Blue of Martinsburg. 2. James Lloyd, a graduate of the Martinsburg high school, the University of West Virginia with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and the Maryland University, with the degree of Master of Arts; currently a research entomologist; he married Eleanor Sions of Martinsburg, and they have a son: i. James Lloyd, Jr., born in Montgomery. 3. Anna, a graduate of Martinsburg high school; she married William Atkinson of Martinsburg, who is associated with the Perfection Garment Company and they have one son: i. Robert Poland Atkinson, a graduate of the University of Virginia, in Charlottesville, Virginia, and studying for the ministry at Alexander Episcopal Seminary, Alexandria, Virginia.

LOU COHEN—A partner in one of the largest mercantile establishments in Martinsburg, West Virginia, and one of the city's prominent and popular personalities, Lou Cohen can soon celebrate forty years of citizenship and of active participation in community affairs. He and his brother, Sol Cohen, are the owners of M. Cohen & Sons. Old enough to enlist in World War I, Lou Cohen was rated too old to serve with the Armed Forces of his country in World War II. He came rapidly to the fore in civilian activities and has been exceptionally vigorous in the promotion of the rehabilitation of local and State progress after hostilities had ended abroad. He is cosmopolitan in his views of world conditions and an humanitarian who endeavors to aid suffering humanity without limitations of creed, color, or nationality.

Born in Florence, South Carolina, April 25, 1895, Lou Cohen is the youngest of three children of the late Mendel and Rebecca D. Cohen, natives of Russia, who came to this country in 1890 to escape the persecution rampant in Russia at that time. His parents settled in Augusta, Georgia, where the elder Mr. Cohen became one of the city's well known street merchants. From there he went to Hampton, South Carolina, and opened his first store. About a year later, he took his wife and two small children and moved to Florence, where he opened one of the city's first stores. His business was enjoying success when destroyed by fire.

Mr. Cohen, Sr., then headed for Baltimore, where he had many friends and relatives, plan-

ning later to go west to try his hand in the Oklahoma "boom" which was on at that time. Instead of going west, however, he stopped off in Winchester, opened a small business and operated it for about a year before coming to Martinsburg.

The first Cohen store in Martinsburg was opened in the building now occupied by the Newton D. Baker Veterans of Foreign Wars Post. In 1912 Lou Cohen was taken into his father's business as a partner and the name of the business became M. Cohen and Son. The concern enjoyed such progress that by 1918 it was necessary to find larger quarters, and it was then removed to its present location.

When his father died in 1933 the responsibilities of the large business fell upon Lou Cohen's shoulders. As has been indicated, he has since developed the Cohen enterprise into one of the largest mercantile establishments in Martinsburg. His commercial career was not without its interruptions. During World War I, he entered the United States Army, and after a round of duty at Camp Fort George G. Meade, was serving with the 63rd Infantry Regiment at the time of his honorable discharge in 1919. When our country became involved in World War II, he tried repeatedly to enter the Armed Forces, and arranged his business to that end. When he failed, he threw himself wholeheartedly to helping behind the lines of battle. "When the call came," wrote the editor of the "Jefferson Republican," "for a man to direct the county's drive for the then much needed salvage materials, it was Cohen who took over and he and his workers did such a bang-up job of putting it over that Berkeley County gained State-wide recognition for its results. This county was the first in West Virginia to be awarded the War Production Board's special Salvage Pennant. Another high honor which Cohen was awarded for his war effort was the silver medal presented to him by Governor Clarence Meadows for the War Bond drives which he directed in the county."

In addition to piloting his mercantile firm through years of war and peace, Mr. Cohen is president of the Win-Mar Orchard Company of Bunker Hill, and vice-president of the Berkeley Upholstery Company of Martinsburg. He is president of the Martinsburg Retail Business Men's Association, an office which he has held for years; president of the Travelers Protective Association; has been a member of the Chamber of Commerce since its organization and a director for the past

seven years; is a past vice-commander of the Berkeley Post No. 14, American Legion; a vice-president of the Zionist Organization of America, and at present is serving on the national administrative committee of Zionists of America; also chairman of the special tax advisory committee named by the city council; a member of the city's airport advisory committee; and president of Beth Jacob Synagogue, of which his father was one of the founders. Mr. Cohen has frequently been to the fore in civic projects in Red Cross and Community Chest Drives and serves on the board of directors of the Berkeley County War Memorial Park. In 1947 he was presented with a special award by the National Jewish Welfare Board for his outstanding services to the men and women of the Armed Forces. In 1949, he was elected president of the Martinsburg-Winchester District of the Zionist Organization of America.

Said a contemporary: "Lou Cohen has several hobbies he has been following in his spare time for some years, one of them is horseback riding and in this field he has become an accomplished rider." He is also an amateur chef and belongs to a private organization of Chefs known as the Société des Gentilhommes. He is also a member of the Maryland organization of the Forty and Eight Society and is Sous Chef de Train.

J. ROY NADENBOUSCH — In the insurance field, the name J. Roy Nadenbousch and Son is outstanding in the Martinsburg area of West Virginia. Not only is the number of companies represented by the firm exceptionally numerous, but the territory served is unusually extensive. A long established concern under another trade title, it was entered and eventually acquired by J. Roy Nadenbousch and incorporated, and was changed to the current name in 1928 when the owner had the pleasure of being joined by his son as partner. Both men have long been prominent in civic activities, business organizations and humanitarian enterprises.

J. Roy Nadenbousch was born at Hedgesville, West Virginia, on September 14, 1887, son of John T. and Laura E. (Gaff) Nadenbousch, both of whom are deceased. His father was a cashier and executive of the Merchants and Farmers Bank, for more than forty years. He received his education in the grade and high schools of his birthplace. He was not far past his majority when he entered the employ of the Frank J. Tram-

mell Insurance Agency in 1910. The firm had been operating since before the turn of the century and later was incorporated. J. Roy Nadenbousch not only proved his worth as a salesman, but as a financier and organizer, and eventually purchased the outstanding stock of Trammell and Company, Inc., and changed its name to J. Roy Nadenbousch, general insurance. As mentioned, his son John L. ("Jack") Nadenbousch, became associated with him in 1928, and became a partner in 1945. Illustrative of the size of the corporation is the current list of some of the companies it represents: Aetna Insurance Company; the American Alliance Insurance Company, New York; Federal Insurance Company, New Jersey; Fidelity Phoenix Fire Insurance Company, New York; Hartford Fire Insurance Company; Insurance Company of North America, Philadelphia; Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Company; National Fire Insurance Company, Hartford; Pennsylvania Fire Insurance Company, Philadelphia; Springfield Fire and Marine Insurance Company, Massachusetts; Globe Indemnity Company, New York; Hartford Accident and Indemnity Company, Hartford, and the Fidelity Deposit Company, Maryland. The above roster likewise indicates how broad is the coverage offered.

In addition to attending to the responsibilities of his business, that include membership on the board of directors of the Merchants and Farmers Bank, Mr. Nadenbousch long has played active parts in community affairs. He is a charter member of the Kiwanis Club, and prominent in the Martinsburg Chamber of Commerce. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; the Blue Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons; the Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; the Council, Royal and Select Masters; the Commandery, Knights Templar; and Osiris Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He attends Christ Reformed Church.

J. Roy Nadenbousch married Eva Gerling of Martinsburg, daughter of Louis and Sallie Gerling, and they are the parents of a son, John Louis, born July 24, 1910.

John Louis Nadenbousch was born at Martinsburg and educated in the grammar and high schools. He became a partner of his father in 1928, and has since been prominent in insurance circles. A youthful enterprise, raising chickens, he developed in later years into the breeding of show birds, his S. C. White Leghorns being prize

winners in many exhibits as far distant as Madison Square Garden, New York, and at the Golden Gate Exposition, San Francisco, California. Always public spirited, he is or has been a member and secretary of the Martinsburg Kiwanis Club; charter member, president and treasurer of the Berkeley County Junior Board of Trade; former vice-president of the West Virginia Junior Chamber of Commerce and Martinsburg Chamber of Commerce; chairman of the Community Chest; co-chairman of the Berkeley County Chapter of the Red Cross, 1944 financial drive; director and treasurer of the Apple Harvest Festival, Inc.; and long a communicant of Christ Reformed Church. Refused for United States Army service at the beginning of World War II, he directed his attention to the building of a strong State Guard unit in Martinsburg, and in it rose from buck private to first lieutenant. On January 1, 1932, John Louis Nadenbousch married Elizabeth Leister Coombs of Hagerstown, Maryland, and they are the parents of three children: i. Barbara Jane. ii. Shirley Ann. iii. John Richard. Mrs. Nadenbousch is likewise civic-minded, member of several city organizations including the Woman's Club and the local Jaycee-etts.

GEORGE MARION MULLEN—With a wide variety of activities, George Marion Mullen has been identified in Martinsburg and Ranson for fifteen years. Industry, banking, real estate, insurance, all have come within the scope of his activities and in each he is prominent as an executive, founder or partner. Equally well he serves community endeavors.

Born at Carlisle, Pennsylvania, on August 4, 1913, George Marion Mullen is a son of John H. and Ella (Schaeffer) Mullen, his father being a retired dairy farmer. The son of this record was educated in the grammar and high schools of his birthplace, and Perkiomen Academy, Pennsylvania. His first employment of note was in the depression year of 1932, when he entered the employ of the Carlisle Paper Box Company, Carlisle, Pennsylvania. Three years later he removed to Martinsburg, West Virginia, where, with Robert Tay, he established the Martinsburg Paper Box Company, in 1935. Of this enterprise he remained plant manager until 1944, when he joined the Funkhouser Industries in Ranson, Jefferson County, of which he since has been an executive. Gifted as an organizer with the courage of his ideas, Mr. Mullen on July 1, 1949,



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founded, with John Richard Kane and George K. Wyson as partners, the Ranson Real Estate and Insurance Company, to engage in the sale, promotion and management of real estate, general insurance, including life, and to act as consultants on bonding and similar problems. He likewise is president of the recently established and opened Blakeley Bank and Trust Company, that he helped to organize and to incorporate.

Mr. Mullen has never been too busy with his varied and heavy business responsibilities to cooperate with community projects—civic, humanitarian and social. He is a member and former secretary of the Lions Club, is active in the Real Estate Association, and fraternally is affiliated with Malta Lodge, No. 80 of Charlestown, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is a Past Master. He attends the Methodist Church.

At Frederick, Maryland, on November 22, 1942, George Marion Mullen married Dorothy Jane Bailey, daughter of William and Frederica Bailey. Mr. and Mrs. Mullen are the parents of a daughter: Jane O'Neill, who was born September 22, 1945.

S. ELIZABETH McFETRIDGE, M.D.—While it is a far cry to the days when a woman could not secure a medical degree, or be accepted by the public as a physician, Dr. S. Elizabeth McFetridge of Martinsburg is wholly of the present century by birth, ideas and achievements, and an exemplar of the fact that in the professions, as in other phases of life, she is in no wise unequal to male colleagues. Even further she has proved in her career that being a busy doctor is not incompatible with marriage, home and the rearing of children.

Born at St. Clairsville, Ohio, on June 12, 1901, Sarah Elizabeth McFetridge is the daughter of William Alexander and Elizabeth (Johnson) McFetridge, both of whom are deceased. Her father died in 1940, and her mother passed away five years later. William Alexander McFetridge was a native of County Antrim, Ireland, and lived in Greenock, Scotland; he came to America when he was twenty-three years of age. The daughter was encouraged to acquire a sound education and to choose a career, and to this end attended the Belmont County, Ohio, schools, Muskingum Academy at New Concord, and Muskingum College, where she received the Bachelor of Arts degree with the class of 1924. In an interview, Dr. McFetridge, when asked why she chose to enter the medical profession, replied: "From early child-

hood, I always said I wanted to be a doctor and I wanted to marry and have four children. I never had any family opposition; my parents wanted me to be sure I wanted to be a doctor, but when they found I was determined to be one, they gave me all the education necessary for my career."

Before taking up medical studies, however, Dr. McFetridge taught science and mathematics in the Stewartsville High School, Ohio, for the scholastic year 1924-25. She then entered the University of West Virginia for two years of medical study, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Science in medicine in 1927, and then matriculated at Rush Medical College, Chicago, Illinois, where she became a Doctor of Medicine in 1930. Her further thorough preparation for her career was an internship in the Swedish Covenant Hospital in Chicago, and she served an internship in anesthesia in the Presbyterian Hospital in that city under Dr. Isabella Herb. For three and one-half years Dr. McFetridge worked in the Billings Hospital of the University of Chicago Clinics with Dr. Huberta Livingstone, who was the head of the Department of Anesthesia. It was while she was an interne in the Swedish Covenant Hospital that she met Dr. Wanger, and they were married on September 13, 1930.

Since 1933, Dr. McFetridge has engaged in a general practice of medicine in Shepherdstown, Jefferson County, where the family make their home, and in Martinsburg. In her work she drives her own automobile in all sorts of weather, and when the snow blocks the road, she has been known to make her way to patients on horseback. On a Christmas Eve and a Christmas Day, only a few years ago, she delivered seven babies, prepared a huge Christmas dinner for the family and rounded out the celebration of the great event in the home. Wrote an editor: "To be a busy doctor on call at all hours of the day and night, and still be a devoted wife and mother, would seem a task almost impossible for the average woman, but in her calm, easy-going manner, Dr. McFetridge has surmounted all obstacles to the path of her chosen profession. Combined with her duties as a doctor she and Dr. Wanger find time to give their children cultural and educational advantages as well as a delightful home atmosphere."

The breadth of interests of Dr. McFetridge is notable for she is a member of the American Medical Association and a Fellow of the International College of Anesthesia and Analgesia.

She is also a member of the American Society of Anesthesiologists, the Southern Society of Anesthesiologists, the West Virginia Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the West Virginia Society of Anesthesiologists, the Potomac Valley Society of Anesthesiologists, and the West Virginia Medical Association. She has served on various committees of the state medical association. The only woman doctor in practice in the Eastern Panhandle section of West Virginia at that time, Dr. McFetridge was honored in 1948 by election to the presidency of the Eastern Panhandle Medical Association. She is in addition a member of the Shepherdstown Branch of the American Association of University Women and of the Woman's Club of Shepherdstown. She is serving, in 1950, as president of the West Virginia Cancer Society. During the war she did her "bit" relieving the critical shortage of doctors by practicing in Charles Town, giving great aid to the remaining overworked doctors who stayed on the home front. In the practice of medicine her greatest amount of work is done in the field of anesthesia and obstetrics. She is a communicant of the Presbyterian Church. She finds time to indulge in the hobby of collecting old glass and china, and of antique walnut furniture.

On September 13, 1930, Dr. S. Elizabeth McFetridge was married to Dr. Halvard Wanger, son of H. N. and Brita Wanger. He is a graduate of the University of Illinois Medical School, class of 1929, with the Degree of Doctor of Medicine, and served his internship in the Swedish Covenant Hospital. Dr. and Mrs. Wanger are the parents of four children: 1. Brita Elizabeth, born May 10, 1933. 2. William, Halvard, born January 20, 1935. 3. Helge Alexander, born July 23, 1939. 4. Mary Martha, born February 12, 1941.

FRANK PERCIVAL LOTH—A personality whose influence upon the industrial affairs of the Shenandoah Valley has been lasting was the late Frank Percival Loth, early in life co-founder of the W. J. Loth Stove Company, and later manager of the Consolidated Stove Company. He was prominently identified with a number of manufacturing, mercantile and banking enterprises until his death in 1938, and left the impress of his constructive abilities upon the affairs of the city of Staunton, where he made his home.

Born in Richmond, Virginia, May 24, 1871, Frank Percival Loth was a son of William J. and Leonora Ann (Carter) Loth. The family took up residence in Waynesboro, and there William J.

Loth, who was interested in stove manufacture, became a prominent citizen, and for several terms served his city as mayor. The earliest paternal ancestor was Conrad Loth, a native of Hanover, Germany. On the maternal side, Frank Percival Loth was descended from Thomas Braxton Carter and Elizabeth Monroe, both of whom were members of prominent old Virginia families.

Growing up in the city of Richmond and receiving his elementary education there, Frank P. Loth early made his acquaintance with the commercial world. He sold papers on the streets after school hours, and his Saturdays were spent collecting doctors' bills and other accounts on a commission basis. His early acceptance of responsibilities was a consequence of his father's having met with business reverses in Richmond. At the age of fourteen young Frank left school and began a term of employment as office boy with the Southern Stove Works. His schooling subsequent to that time consisted of attending night classes in a Richmond business college. He continued work with the Southern Stove Company until 1893, when he formed a partnership with his father under the name of the W. J. Loth Stove Company. Launching their enterprise with very limited capital, they leased a plant in Waynesboro, and afterwards bought the building. The family came to live in Waynesboro, and it was there that William J. Loth became identified as a citizen with qualities of leadership and was elected mayor of the city.

Through energy, economy, and devotion to their business, the Loths steadily increased their volume of trade, and the W. J. Loth Stove Company became an important industrial enterprise in Waynesboro. When in 1904 Frank P. Loth bought his father's interest in the concern, it had achieved a substantial success. Through subsequent corporate changes, he became general manager, and owner of a one-half interest, in the Continental Stove Company, which owned and operated the W. J. Loth Stove Company at Waynesboro and the Southern Stove Works at Richmond. Mr. Loth continued throughout his life his executive connection with the Continental Stove Company, and also became interested in other industrial enterprises which brought about increased commercial activity in his community. He was also a leader in the banking and retailing fields. He was a member of the Virginia State Senate for two terms; for many years secretary of Shenandoah Valley, Inc., and was vice-president of Natural Bridge of Virginia.



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Fraternally, Frank Percival Loth was affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, being a member of the Blue Lodge and the Commandery of the Knights Templar. He had attained the Thirty-second degree in Masonry, and was a member of the Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. In his politics, Mr. Loth was a Democrat.

On January 26, 1897, Frank Percival Loth married Elizabeth Lewis Hogshead of Staunton, daughter of Colonel Preston Bailey and Elizabeth Ann (Hamilton) Hogshead. Mrs. Loth's maternal grandfather was John W. Hamilton of Rockbridge County, Virginia, owner of a large plantation and many slaves. He married the former Paulina Anne Watts of Bedford County, Virginia. Colonel Preston Bailey Hogshead, Mrs. Loth's father, served in General "Stonewall" Jackson's brigade during the War Between the States. He was the son of Elijah and Margaret (Kerr) Hogshead, of Augusta County, owners of a plantation. Mrs. Loth is a member of the Society of Colonial Descendants, Knights of the Golden Horseshoe, the United Daughters of the Confederacy, and the Daughters of the American Revolution. She belongs also to the Mary Baldwin Alumnae Association, and is locally identified with the Augusta Garden Club. She is a communicant of the First Presbyterian Church.

Frank Percival and Elizabeth Lewis (Hogshead) Loth became the parents of four children: 1. Frank Percival, Jr., born in 1898. He received his education in the Fishburn Military Academy and attended the University of Virginia. He is now an auditor for the Delta Shipbuilding Company. Frank P. Loth, Jr., married Mildred Mercereau of Staunton. 2. Ann Hamilton, who was educated at Stuart Hall. She married John W. Hoover of Miami, Florida, and their only child is John W. Hoover, Jr. 3. Carter Lewis, born in 1909. He, too, was educated at Fishburn Military Academy, after which he attended the University of Virginia. He now manages investment accounts in Staunton, Virginia. Carter Lewis Loth married Anne Crathorne of Urbana, Illinois, daughter of Dr. A. R. Crathorne, who is professor of mathematics at the University of Illinois. They are the parents of two children: i. Mary Carter, born September 21, 1946. ii. Carter Lewis, born July 12, 1949. 4. Elizabeth Preston, born in 1913, a graduate of Stuart Hall. She married Harry H. Brown, and they have two sons: i. Harry H., Jr., born in 1935. ii. Frank Lewis. Mrs. Frank Percival Loth, Sr., today makes her home on

Madison Place, in Staunton. She is now married to Duncan M. Bolton, of Wilmington, Delaware.

The death of Frank Percival Loth June 10, 1938, was a great loss to all who knew him. Recognized as one of the industrial leaders of the Shenandoah Valley, he was no less esteemed by his fellow townsmen, as a citizen whose influence for good in his own community would long outlast his mortal life.

BONN ARTHUR POLAND—A Texan by birth and a West Virginian in origin, Bonn Arthur Poland has figured actively in the life of Martinsburg for the greater part of his business career. In the days when the automobile was coming into sound popularity in the United States, he became a dealer in motor cars and for more than thirty-four years has been head of his own dealership, which is the oldest representative of the Dodge Automobile in the state, a distinction approaching the unique in a field where changes are frequent. Notably public-spirited, he has entered into a wide variety of community projects and movements, and is especially noted for his long and constructive connection with the Boy Scout Movement, of which he is Area Council official, a member of Region III Executive Committee, a Member-at-Large of the National Council, and an honorary "Silver Beaver."

Born at Era, Texas, on April 8, 1889, Bonn Arthur Poland is the son of David G. and Mary Frances Poland, his mother passing away in 1902 before she had the happiness of seeing her son firmly established in life. The family, native Hampshire Countians, moved to Texas in 1884 but returned in 1891 to Hampshire County, West Virginia, when their son was young. He attended the county schools and was graduated from teacher training courses of Shepherd College in 1909. For four years he was a teacher of public schools, but found the remuneration somewhat inadequate for an ambitious young man. He then turned his attention to merchandising, and over some four years operated a country store in Hampshire County. It was not until 1914 that he found himself and what he wanted most to do when he started in the fall of that year as a Ford automobile dealer. He was Secretary-Treasurer of the Berkeley Garage Company, Ford dealers, until 1920. In 1918 he established the Union Sales Company, at 119 East Race Street, Martinsburg, to handle Dodge and Plymouth automotive products, of which he has since been president and the directing force. His son, William Dickens Poland,

has been actively associated with him, prior to and since the end of World War II, recently being named as General Manager, a combination that is successful and with good promises for the future. This subject has dealt in Dodge automobiles in West Virginia longer than any other dealership in the State.

In business circles, Mr. Poland is to the fore, becoming a director in 1926 and since 1931 has been an executive official and Chairman of the Board of the Merchants and Farmers Bank of Martinsburg. In 1928 he became a member of the Board of Directors of the Potomac Light and Power Company, which position he still retains.

In 1923 he became interested with other community leaders in building a new hotel in Martinsburg and was connected with the Community Hotel Corporation, as Secretary thereof, until in 1936, when, under new ownership, he became a Director and Treasurer of the Martinsburg Hotel Corporation operating the Shenandoah Hotel. In 1943 he became, in addition to Director and Treasurer, the General Manager of the Corporation, which position he still retains.

In 1923, Mr. Poland organized an automobile finance company, The Union Commercial Credit, Inc., of which he is the principal owner and its president.

Notably public-spirited, he gives leadership and support to several civic projects such as the Community Chest, Chamber of Commerce, Shenandoah Valley, Inc., a regional chamber of commerce, and many other philanthropic works. He belongs to the West Virginia Automobile Dealers Association, and the West Virginia Hotel Association.

Upon a reorganization of the charter and by-laws of King's Daughters Hospital, early in 1949, Mr. Poland became a member of the Board of Directors of the Hospital and also was named as one of the seven members of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors.

He is a Rotarian, a past-president of the Martinsburg Rotary Club, a director of the Martinsburg Chamber of Commerce and Shenandoah Valley, Inc., and a former director of the West Virginia Chamber of Commerce, the West Virginia Auto Dealers Association, and the West Virginia Hotels Association. As mentioned, Mr. Poland is especially interested in the Boy Scouts of America and is exceptionally active in its affairs. He is a Member-at-Large of the National Council, a Member of Region III Executive Committee, a Member of the Executive Board of Shenandoah Area Council, and first Vice-Presi-

dent of the Council. He holds the distinction of receiving, in 1943, the award of the "Silver Beaver." He is a member of and attends the Trinity Methodist Church of Martinsburg.

At Cumberland, Maryland, October 31, 1913, Bonn Arthur Poland married Ruth Dickens of Hampshire County, daughter of David M. and Mary Elizabeth Dickens. Mr. and Mrs. Poland are the parents of two living sons: 1. William Dickens, born December 20, 1914; a graduate of Martinsburg High School and the University of West Virginia, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. During World War II, he enlisted in the United States Navy, and served as a Patrol Bomber Pilot in Iceland and South Africa; was returned to inactive duty in 1945 with the rank of Lieutenant Commander. Currently he is associated in business with his father as General Manager of the Union Sales Company. He married Margaret Burns of Martinsburg, and they have two daughters: i. Barbara Ann. ii. Patricia Burns. 2. Robert Alverson, born September 12, 1931, a graduate of Martinsburg High School, class of 1949, now furthering his education in the field of journalism.

NICHOLAS CARSON—One of the most encouraging aspects of the American way of life is the ability of the foreign born to so quickly adopt the ideals, ideas and customs of the New World and become exceptionally useful and progressive citizens. An exemplar of this is Nicholas Carson, prominent restaurateur of Charles Town, West Virginia, notable veteran of World War I, in which he enlisted in the United States Army as a youth, and a well recognized public-spirited citizen of the community.

Born in Athens, Greece, on April 16, 1900, Nicholas Carson, son of Gus and Mary Carson, came to America as a lad of thirteen years and made his home with a sister in Reading, Pennsylvania. He learned something of a new and strange language in local schools and contacts with Pennsylvanians, and was only seventeen years of age when he joined the United States Army, and shortly after went overseas with the American Expeditionary Forces to participate in practically every major campaign in World War I. Disabled from repeated wounds in battle, he was returned home and, while recuperating at Washington, D. C., rounded out his education by studies in Strayers Business College in the capital city. After receiving his honorable discharge from the Army, following two years' hospitalization, he came

to Martinsburg where he completed his studies in business administration in the Martinsburg Business College.

As a recovered war veteran, Nicholas Carson looked around for an opportunity to make a livelihood, and found it in Charles Town. As a youth in 1914, he had entered the employ of Milton Barcel, who operated a restaurant in the city. He came of a race and people who know how to prepare tasty food and how to do it economically, and with the experience acquired, "Nick" as he is usually known, entered the restaurant trade in Charles Town. In 1932, at a most unpropitious period in American financial affairs, he joined forces with William Psillas to operate the New Central Restaurant, on the same site on which his former employer had been in business. The enterprise has prospered as its present large clientele indicates. It caters to some three thousand people each week and is popular with a host of folk out and in the city. These two men have purchased considerable real estate, including the Engle Building, known as the Sports Center, and each has purchased a handsome home and also acquired other residential property.

The military record, as publicized in the "Jefferson Republican," is as follows:

In August, 1917, Nicholas Carson enlisted in the United States Army and trained at Fort Myer, Virginia. Assigned to the artillery, he sailed for France in September, 1917 and shortly after Christmas of that year was sent into the front lines. Few men had a more brilliant war record. Wounded three times, Carson was actively engaged in the campaigns in the Champagne, Meuse-Argonne, Chateau-Thierry and Saint Mihiel. During most of that time he was attached to the 151st Field Artillery of the 42nd (Rainbow) Division. His third, and last wound, proved of such a serious nature that he was removed from active duty and placed in Base Hospital No. 86, where he remained a few weeks before being returned to this country where he was hospitalized for two years at Mt. Alto. For valor in action Nick won the French Croix de Guerre, the American Victory Medal with five stars and the Purple Heart.

Nicholas Carson is an active member and former commander of the Jackson-Perks Post No. 71, American Legion, and in the 1930s collaborated with other Legionnaires to form a drum and fife corps that won prizes in several neighboring communities and is exceptionally popular in local parades. "Nick" trained the corps. During World War II he was constantly to the fore in the "drives" selling Government bonds and raising funds for such humanitarian agencies as the Red Cross and the Young Men's Christian Associa-

tion. He is closely associated with the Charles Town General Hospital; is a member of the Lions Club, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Izaak Walton Leagues of America, serving for two terms as head of the local organization, and fraternally is affiliated with the Loyal Order of Moose. He is a Democrat in political allegiance, and was Mayor of Charles Town in 1948-49. Nicholas Carson has not forgotten his mother country and Europe, going abroad in 1936 to visit Greece, Italy, France, Switzerland, Germany and England. Wrote a contemporary:

Carson is Charles Town's all-around citizen. Civic-minded, charitable, thoughtful of others, with a fine spirit of duty to the community, he fits into every phase of Jefferson County life. Nick has an especial flair for 'doing things up brown,' and if it's something that has his community's brand upon it, Nick insists and usually sees to it that it tops all expectations and reflects credit upon not only those participating but also upon all citizens, including those sometimes prone to be critical. Nick Carson deals direct, cuts red tape, sifts the practical from the impossible, then he goes straight for the objective. He is not an unusual citizen in many respects, because he looks after a flourishing business, his first duty. But he is unusual in his civic pride, his willingness to do things for others, his untiring energy to work out and carry out the details shifted upon willing shoulders—too often passed along from those who only share the glitter of the footlights and stage spot.

On September 12, 1924, at Hagerstown, Maryland, Nicholas Carson married Verda Avey of Hedgesville, West Virginia, daughter of John and Mary Avey. Mr. and Mrs. Carson are the parents of five sons: 1. Milton A., who served during World War II, United States Navy, in the South Pacific Theater of Operations, and received his honorable discharge in 1946. 2. Robert Floyd, an undergraduate at Fork Union Military Academy. 3. Thomas Gene, a student at Fork Union Military Academy. 4. Richard D. 5. Paul.

MARLIN STOVER ECKERD — It has been written of Marlin Stover Eckerd, postmaster and prominent citizen of Martinsburg, that his career has all the elements of a true success-story plot—humble birth, a fight for education, the independence and final attainment of a high goal in the community's business and civic life; all through honest endeavor. Born in a small hamlet he, in his work and through World War II service, is a much traveled man, not alone in the South but in more than half a dozen European countries. In the county seat of Berkeley County, he fills

an important position in a manner that has won public approval, and in addition is exceptionally active in numerous civic projects and organizations.

Born at Sleepy Creek, Morgan County, West Virginia, on March 24, 1902, Marlin Stover Eckerd is the son of John W. and Cora (McColough) Eckerd, his father being the village blacksmith prior to his untimely death in 1914. When other boys were acquiring an education, the son started to help contribute to the family finances, as the oldest of several children. Thus since the age of twelve years, Marlin Stover Eckerd has been making a livelihood. When seventeen, the family removed to Martinsburg, where he entered the employ of the old C. A. Miller Company, but within a year became associated with the Liggett and Myers Tobacco Company as a salesman, a connection that was continued from 1920 to 1925. In sales capacities then and later, he became widely acquainted with places and people in West Virginia, Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and to a lesser degree other sections. During parts of 1925-26 he was otherwise engaged; in 1926 he went with Armour and Company, selling meat products, and remained in that employ for a decade. From 1936 to 1939 he was with W. E. Cooper and Company.

In 1939, Mr. Eckerd was appointed postmaster of Martinsburg, through Jennings Randolph, Congressman from the Second Congressional District of West Virginia. Installed in this position on June 21, 1939, his tenure in office is "without term," or in other words, for life. For a decade he has attended to the postal facilities of the city with a faithfulness, efficiency and good nature that has earned richly the appreciation of its many patrons.

Close attention to the business of the post office has not prevented Mr. Eckerd from entering actively many phases of community life. Indeed because of his position he is frequently drafted for local endeavors. The success of drives for funds for the Berkeley County Chapter of the American Red Cross, his services as head of the Community Fund, and leadership in numerous other humanitarian and civic projects, are due to his enlightened ideas of the responsibilities of good citizenship. Mr. Eckerd is chairman of the Community Chest board; was past county chairman of the U. S. O.; co-chairman of the Civilian Defense organization at the outbreak of World War II; co-chairman of the first Berkeley County Second War Bond Drive; Disaster Chairman of the Berkeley County Chapter of the Red Cross, and

long has served on the advisory board of the Salvation Army, and on the board of the King's Daughters Hospital. Along vocational lines Mr. Eckerd is a former officer of the West Virginia Division of the Travelers Protective Association, and for two years was vice-president of the National Travelers Protective Association; is a member and local counselor of the United Commercial Travelers Association; a past president of the West Virginia Postmasters Association and member of the National Postmasters Association. He belongs to the Martinsburg Chamber of Commerce, is a charter member and served as second president of the local Lions Club, and has been deputy district governor of West Virginia for that organization. Reared in the Evangelical faith in Martinsburg, he is a communicant of Christ Reformed Church, a member of the Churchmen's Brotherhood and assistant teacher of the Men's Bible Class, and was a member of the Consistory during 1934-42 and superintendent of its Sunday school from 1936 to 1942. He is a member the Court of Honor, Boy Scouts of America, and enjoys the activities of the Shenandoah Valley Hobby Club, to which he belongs.

The military record of Mr. Eckerd is a noteworthy chapter in his story, and as related by the "Jefferson Republican" reads as follows:

Shortly after the outbreak of World War II he enlisted in the Army, reporting to active duty November 1, 1942, with the Army Postal Service under the Adjutant General's office. First Lieutenant Eckerd was sent to the New York Port of Embarkation. From there he went with the 111th Army Postal Unit into Tennessee for six months of maneuvers, and then was placed in charge of the unit when it was sent overseas in May, 1944.

His outfit went first to England where it was assigned to the Ninth Air Force. It stayed there until August, 1944, and then moved into France. In May, 1945, the unit was transferred, this time into Germany, being assigned to the 116th Postal Regulating Section at Beddkissingen. A short time later he was made postal officer for the Ninth Air Force, and with this move came a promotion to the rank of captain. He was there until May, 1946, when shipped back to this country and given a discharge on September 1, 1946.

During his tour of overseas duty Eckerd did considerable traveling, both by plane and jeep through Belgium, Holland, Austria, Germany, Italy, Switzerland and England. And the places he visited and experiences encountered in these travels were many and interesting. His overseas record was of such calibre it merited special awards and for his meritorious service he was presented the Bronze Star Medal, two battle stars and a special commendation ribbon. In addition to these honors, he also wears the Occupation, European-Mediterranean Theater ribbons, and the American Defense and Victory ribbons.

He is a member of the United States Army Reserve Officers Corps, and treasurer of the Eastern Panhandle Reserve Officers Association.

At Martinsburg, West Virginia, on February 19, 1949, Marlin Stover Eckerd married Gladys Hott of this city, daughter of John H. and Cora Hott.

WILLIAM RUFUS CASKEY—William Rufus Caskey, of Martinsburg, West Virginia, has devoted his career to the development of the extensive baking business which bears his name—the Caskey Baking Company, Inc. The success of his efforts is indicated by the fact that his products are known and purchased throughout the Shenandoah Valley. Mr. Caskey has become an influential figure in the business affairs of his locality, is president of the Merchants and Farmers Bank of Martinsburg, and has served that city as mayor and councilman.

Born in Martinsburg, February 18, 1874, William Rufus Caskey is a member of a family dating far back in American and English history. An earlier published account of the family's origin tells us that the name dates back to the time of the conquest of England by William the Conqueror. When the Norman leader William invaded England in 1066, Jean Casque, one of his most trusted captains, was at the head of a trained body of troops. This Jean Casque married an English wife and settled near London. After a time the French name became anglicized into Caskey. In 1624, Richard Caskey, lineal descendant of Jean Casque, came to the Colony of Virginia. He became a tobacco planter, and took up a large tract of land on the James River above Weyanoke. Richard Caskey married a girl of English birth, and for their home erected a log house in the midst of a clearing. Their family consisted of several children. His oldest son, Richard, and several companions, on returning from a hunting expedition, found their parents and brothers and sisters massacred by the Indians and their houses burned. Two members of the family, John, a boy of fourteen, and Esther, a girl of twelve, were missing. It was later discovered that they had gone down the river in a canoe that morning to visit friends. Richard Caskey took them to Jamestown and placed them among friends. He then determined to set himself to the task of exterminating the Indians. So well did he accomplish this purpose that he became known throughout the region as a skilled Indian scout and a scourge of the Red Man. From him and

his brother John are descended the Caskeys of Berkeley County, West Virginia.

William Rufus Caskey is the son of Palmer and Rebecca (Seckman) Caskey. As a youth, William R. Caskey received his education in the public schools of Berkeley County, first at Three Runs School, next at Hooe Street School and the Martinsburg High School. In 1900, Mr. Caskey established the Caskey Baking Company with a branch factory at Hagerstown, Maryland. To a history of the plant compiled in 1928 we are chiefly indebted for the following information on the growth of the company, and of Mr. Caskey's connection with it. This record points out that Mr. Caskey first started earning a livelihood in the cooperage business. But he was ambitious to exceed the confines of his job, and aspired to his own enterprise. He obtained a position with the Quinsell Bakery of Martinsburg, driving a wagon. In 1898, he felt that he was ready to venture into the bakery business in his own name, and in that year he induced his brother, Edward Caskey, to join him in a partnership. Their first place of business was on Burke Street in Martinsburg. This location before long became too small for their expanding enterprise, which soon included facilities for the manufacture of ice cream. It was accordingly decided that "Ed" should remain in the old location, and that William R. would move to a new location, each striking out for himself and dissolving the partnership. This move was made in 1901.

Again, at his new location, William R. Caskey's enterprise grew to such proportions that he was again forced to consider expansion. He then purchased the location of the present site, at 112 East Race Street in Martinsburg. During the next decade, the business continued to prosper, and throughout this period only three brands of bread had been manufactured by the Caskey bakeries: first, "Mothers Bread," next "Snow Flake," and lastly "Tip Top." Mr. Caskey had from his earliest years in the business envisioned a greater enterprise than one reaching merely the environs of Martinsburg. His plans for a greater area of service resulted in the building of the Hagerstown plant in 1913. After a careful study of the field and the gathering of opinions from prominent business men of Hagerstown, the building of the plant was begun in March, and opened in July of that year. Later, Mr. Caskey established plants in Radford, Virginia, and Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. The Chambersburg plant was discontinued in 1919, due to the expiration of the lease covering that property. An added reason

for its abandonment was the fact that the advent of the motor truck made it possible to cover that territory from Hagerstown. It was this plant which originated and placed on the market "Tip Top" bread, which was later followed by "Holsum" bread. The latter-named was the first wrapped loaf of bread ever placed on the market in Hagerstown. Another "first" to which the Caskey Baking Company can lay claim is having used the first auto trucks of any kind in commercial trade in Hagerstown. These were introduced by Mr. Caskey in the fall of 1913, two electric trucks being provided for the delivery of bread within the city. A particularly difficult time in the formative years of the company was the period of World War I; but Mr. Caskey's traits of hard work, careful planning and conscientious effort brought him through this crisis as it had others.

Prior to January 1, 1925, the Caskey Baking Company had been controlled entirely by Mr. Caskey. On that date, however, the organization assumed its present corporate structure and was granted a charter by the Secretary of State. Its officers as of that date were William R. Caskey, president; H. Clayton Caskey, vice-president; and Mae Caskey, secretary. Mr. Caskey's associates during the difficult formative years of its operation had been his father, Palmer Caskey, his sister, Miss Mae, and his three brothers, Edward, Charles and Clayton. The Hagerstown plant is located on the plot of ground on which, for many years, stood the famous Hagerstown Academy. The property was purchased from the Stover Estate heirs, and was chosen especially because of the fact that it was located adjacent to both the Western Maryland and Pennsylvania Railroads. Certain statistics published in the 1928 account of the company, used in preparation of this record are of interest to those who know the company as it is to day:

There are 167 people dependent upon the Caskey Baking Company payroll. There are 60 employees.

The annual payroll for the Caskey Bakeries is almost \$100,000.

The two plants are operating nineteen trucks, two coupes and four horses and wagons.

Our trucks have traveled in 1928, 275,000 miles, or more than eleven times around the world.

The bread that we baked in 1928, if the loaves were laid end to end, would reach from Hagerstown to Chicago.

It would take over 3500 acres of land with average yield to furnish us with flour we used last year.

The yeast we used last year would make 95,040,000 twelve-ounce bottles of home brew.

It would have taken the daily milking of over seventy good cows to furnish the milk for us.

Nearly a million "Babe Ruth" candy bars could have been made out of the sugar we used.

From the period of which we have spoken, Mr. Caskey guided his company successfully through the ensuing years of national economic depression. Again a war period came, to test to the full his company's ability to produce a large volume of high-quality food supplies. The Hagerstown plant continues to operate under the company's management; but Mr. Caskey's headquarters are at 112 East Race Street in Martinsburg.

Entering public life quite early in his career, William R. Caskey served on the Martinsburg city council from June 1, 1907 to June 1, 1909. He was then elected mayor of Martinsburg on the Democratic ticket, taking office June 1, 1910, and serving until June 1, 1912. He is also past president of the board of education. His conspicuous success in business has singled him out for further responsibilities in the commercial affairs of his home city, and he is now president of the Merchants and Farmers Bank. He maintains contact with the leadership in his trade through membership in the American Bakers Association, and was awarded a certificate of merit by the association on October 30, 1947, in recognition of his record of long and progressive activity in his field, the citation reading, "Fifty-five years of service."

Mr. Caskey is a member of the Rotary Club of Martinsburg, and is fraternally affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, holding the thirty-second degree and belonging to the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He and his family are communicants of the Christ Reformed Church.

On February 12, 1908, William Rufus Caskey married Dora Matthai, who was prior to her marriage a teacher in the Martinsburg schools. They became the parents of two children: 1. Margaret Rebecca, born December 8, 1908. She graduated from Martinsburg high school in the class of 1926, and attended Goucher College in Baltimore, Maryland. 2. Wilson Rufus, born March 15, 1915. He attended Massanutten Academy in Woodstock, Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Caskey make their home at 518 South Queen Street, Martinsburg.

C. LESLIE GOLLIDAY—Despite the general prevalence of the radio there is an aura of mystery, romance and strange ideas about it. C.



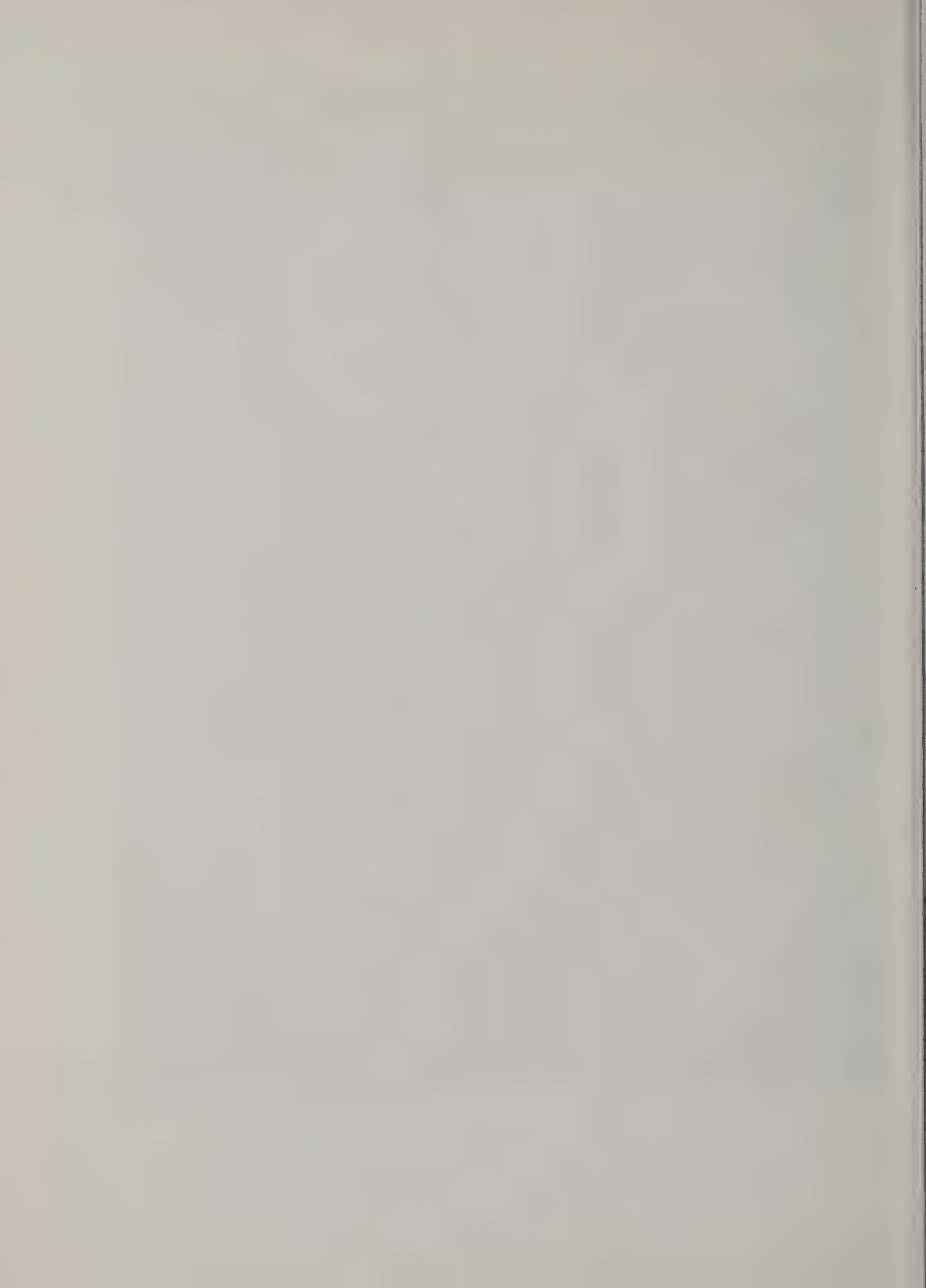
Sam Turner

Nellie O. Turner.



Susan E. Turner

Benjamin F. Turner



Leslie Golliday, general manager and co-owner of Station WEPM, of Martinsburg, could, if he were not too modest, state that the operation of a broadcasting unit is hard work, constantly demanding ideas and inspiration, an endeavor in which almost all personal experience is "grist for the mill" that must grind out a steady flow of programs: educational, entertainment, community and world news, and advertising. Although Mr. Golliday is a young man, he is old in radio, launching his career immediately after leaving high school when he organized a group of singers and string instrumentalists at the lowest point in the national depression of the 1930s.

C. Leslie Golliday was born at Strasburg, Virginia, on March 4, 1915, son of Carmel Leslie and Nellie (Venable) Golliday. Other members of the family are Marshall Golliday, of Stephens City, and Mrs. Charles Hurst of Winchester. He was graduated from the Stephens High School, class of 1932, and as indicated entered the field of radio with a troop of singers and musicians. His first break into radio came shortly thereafter when he came to Martinsburg to do a radio show for Roy Harrison, former Martinsburg man, who was operating a remote broadcasting studio in the Apollo Hall at that time. He carried on a series of hillbilly, piano and organ programs for Harrison for nearly a year and a half and then decided to give this up and study voice. He went to Bridgewater College, in Virginia, where he received training under Nelson Hoffman. In addition to voice he also studied the violin, piano and organ. From Bridgewater he went to the Peabody Conservatory of Music in Baltimore, for a short time, but gave this up to accept a part-time announcing job at radio station WFMD in Frederick, Maryland.

In point of chronology, Mr. Golliday was from 1937 to 1939 connected with the Frederick station; from 1939 to 1944 was full time announcer at York, Pennsylvania, Station WORK; and from 1944 to 1946 was associated with Station WINC, at Winchester, where, according to himself, he was announcer, engineer and sometimes janitor. Since 1946 he has been co-owner and general manager of WEPM, at Martinsburg. According to the "Jefferson Republican":

The station had a modest beginning in a small house located in the Red Hill section, just outside the city's western boundary lines. This small place was utilized as a transmitter station, business office and studio for more than a year and then the business expanded so much it was necessary to look for larger and more convenient quarters. Thus came the moving of the business

office and studio to the top floor of the Peoples Trust Company Building. The original building is used now only as a transmitter station.

A lot of adjectives come to mind when one tries to describe "Les," as he is known to many friends and acquaintances he has already gained in the years residing in Martinsburg. He is a friendly personality; cheerful, zippy, and seems to be bubbling over with energy and ambition. He's a guy with a grin; he's a guy with a lot of good sound ideas about what a radio station can do for a community and its people, and he has the talent and determination to put them over.

In the philosophy of C. Leslie Golliday a radio station is not only an integral part of the life of a community, but should be a leader in promoting and backing all worthy progressive movements and groups that make for the best interests of that community. When a resident of Martinsburg for less than two years he had the honor of being presented by the Berkeley County Junior Board of Trade with an award for outstanding services to the city and to its progress. Mr. Golliday is a member of the West Virginia Broadcasting Association, the National Association of Broadcasters, and figures prominently in the Martinsburg Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club, and other civic organizations. He is an independent in politics, interested in the election of sound officials rather than in party affairs. His hobbies include photography and music. For three years he was organist of the Grace Lutheran Church in Stephens City, and later played the organ in a Winchester church. In Martinsburg he attends the Methodist Episcopal Church.

On April 12, 1941, C. Leslie Golliday married Catherine Zinn of Martinsburg, daughter of Carman M. and Emma (Kehm) Zinn. Mr. and Mrs. Golliday are the parents of a son: Carmel Leslie, Jr., born March 8, 1946.

HOBART MCKINLEY TURNER—As president and general manager of the Mutual Feed Company, Hobart McKinley Turner occupies a prominent position in the business life of Broadway and this region of Virginia. Handling poultry feed for both turkeys and chickens, he is also engaged in general farming and is a horse fancier.

Mr. Turner was born May 25, 1898, in Rockingham County, Virginia, son of Benjamin Franklin and Susan Elizabeth (Smith) Turner. His father was a stock dealer and farmer in Rockingham County.

Hobart McKinley Turner attended public schools in Pendleton County and later was a student for

a year at Petersburg, West Virginia. Afterward he taught for twelve years in Pendleton, Hardy and Grant counties in West Virginia, beginning in 1916. In 1928 he became a bookkeeper with the First National Bank of Broadway, later entered the milling business in Broadway, organizing the Mutual Feed Company in 1933. Continuing as president and general manager since that time, Mr. Turner also owns a thousand acres of land in Rockingham County, on which he does general farming and raises cattle, sheep, hogs, turkeys and chickens. He specializes in the raising of different kinds of sheep and considers this his hobby. He has about three hundred head of cattle, three hundred sheep, seventy-five hogs, a thousand laying turkeys and thirty thousand chickens. His cattle include fifty head of pure-bred Herefords. His wife is half-owner of the farm property. On his large farm nine tenants live and work. Mr. Turner is also the executor of his father's estate and in agreement with his mother owns the home property of one hundred acres, known as Lin Roc Farm. He is a member of the Mennonite Church and a trustee of Zion Congregation.

Hobart McKinley Turner married, September 7, 1918, in Petersburg, West Virginia, Nellie Ours, daughter of Jacob Grant and Minnie (Snyder) Ours. She was born in Petersburg, West Virginia, and taught for eleven years in West Virginia schools. Mr. and Mrs. Turner became the parents of three children: 1. Waldo Neil, born January 25, 1929, entered Virginia Polytechnic Institute as a member of the class of 1950, studying animal husbandry with a view to entering his father's business after graduation. 2. Donald Ours, born April 7, 1933. 3. Eleanor Virginia, born October 15, 1937.

PAUL BUXTON MARTIN—Into the relatively brief career of Paul Buxton Martin a wide variety of activities has been packed. Journalist, public servant, World War II veteran, community leader, he has made himself useful in the life and affairs of Martinsburg, where his family has been prominent for eight generations. If not a born newspaperman, he at least inherited talents from his mother, a gifted writer, and began this type of work while a high school student. In his public activities he follows the example of his father and traditions established by forebears in the realization that constructive citizenship has its responsibilities as well as its privileges.

Born in Martinsburg, West Virginia, on Janu-

ary 4, 1915, Paul Buxton Martin is the son of Paul H. and Marie (Buxton) Martin. His mother, prominent in city life, is nationally known as a writer, the author of such books as "Within the Rock," "Chris," and "A Certain Congressman." His father, attorney-at-law, has served as clerk of the Berkeley County Court, and during the recent war was connected with the State headquarters of Selective Service in Charleston. His grandfather, a Civil War veteran, served in the state legislature.

After attending the local grammar and high schools of his birthplace, Paul Buxton Martin matriculated at West Virginia University, where he was graduated with the class of 1936, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. As an undergraduate, he was sports editor and later managing editor of the college newspaper and was president of the University Press Club in 1935-36. He served as president of Sigma Chi fraternity, a national organization, and was a member of "Mountain," and "Fi Batar Capper" local honorary fraternities. He was also a member of the University track team, and the Cross Country team, competing in the mile and two-mile runs. While working for his Master's degree in Arts, Mr. Martin became a full time city editor of the "Morgantown Dominion News," with which he already had worked as a reporter. In 1939 he accepted the post of editor of the "Martinsburg News," later becoming associated with the "Martinsburg Journal."

In public life, Mr. Martin entered politics before he was thirty as the Republican candidate for State Senator. This was in 1944 and he lost by about fifty votes. In 1946 he was nominated for the mayorship of his native city, and won, the youngest mayor in the annals of Martinsburg to hold this important office. During his two years at the head of municipal affairs, he introduced and supported a number of constructive measures, notably in the field of parks expansion, improved water supplies and sewage system, and other forward-looking projects. Said an editor:

It was this young and energetic individual who took some of the city's more prominent and civic-minded citizens at their word and with the full support of city council members, started the ball to rolling in the progressive direction. The thirty-one year old light-haired Mayor, who has always been all out for every possible city improvement program, saw definite action taken on two of his pet projects—the park and sewerage programs—with the award of a contract for construction work on converting the old Rosemont Park site into a modern War Memorial Park; and also the engagement of a Baltimore firm to draw a master plan for construction of the pro-

posed \$900,000 city sewerage project. As for the city expansion program, he is busily engaged at the moment as one of the leaders in the move to bring several hundred homes in suburban areas into the city.

Of the World War II record of Mayor Martin, a columnist of the "Jefferson Republican," has written:

Having been rejected for Army service because of a physical handicap, he enlisted in the American Field Service. His application was accepted in June and just a little more than a month later he was in the thick of the fighting along the Gothic Line in Italy. He served as an ambulance driver with the British Eighth Army until September 1, 1945, when he returned to the United States. After a brief leave he was to have headed for the Pacific, but the end of the war came and also the end of his duty with the Field Service.

While serving in Italy, Mayor Martin was painfully, but not seriously burned in a gasoline explosion. A short time ago he was decorated by King George of England, for outstanding service he rendered the British government while in the Field Service. He received an Oak Leaf Cluster for being mentioned in Eighth Army dispatches.

Before going overseas, Mr. Martin helped organize a USO Unit, promoted war and humanitarian agency drives. A former Boy Scout, a swimmer, tennis player, and still "Marbles champion of Berkeley County," he supports the Boy Scout movement actively. In party politics he is a member of the State Executive Committee of the Republican State Committee, vice-chairman of the county Republican committee, and member of the Young Republican Committee. He is a director of the Chamber of Commerce and the Berkeley County Junior Board of Trade, and was once a vice-president of the latter organization, and was also president of the Martinsburg High School Alumni Association for one term and a half. He is also an active member of the Opequon Golf Club, a director, and one of the organizers, of the local chapter of West Virginia, Inc., and a director of the War Memorial Park Association. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Loyal Order of Moose, and attends the Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church.

Paul Buxton Martin was married on April 15, 1950, to Laura Rebecca Thompson, of Martinsburg.

CARRIE LEE GARDNER STRIDER—In West Virginia, Carrie Lee Gardner Strider has the distinction of being the first woman sheriff in the State. It was not without experience in law en-

forcement that she was appointed High Sheriff of Jefferson County in 1949. Only two other women in the United States have been so honored, one in Oklahoma and another in Nevada. Young, gracious and charming, Miss Strider is no mere ornamental official, she knows her duties from four years as a deputy sheriff, and has proved her executive qualities in a responsible post. She long has been prominent in Jefferson County movements and organizations; was one of the "Gray Ladies" who served at the Newton D. Baker Hospital during World War II, and "is a fine example of what members of her sex can do for civic betterment. Her unselfish devotion to the welfare of others should be an inspiration to all."

Miss Strider was born at Leetown, Jefferson County, West Virginia, on September 18, 1911, daughter of James William and Carrie Lee (Gardner) Strider. Her father, agriculturalist and banker, operated a general store in Leetown for more than half a century, prior to his passing on May 5, 1943. An uncle is the Rt. Rev. Robert Edward Lee Strider, Bishop of the West Virginia Diocese of the Episcopal Church. Miss Strider has two sisters, Miss Alice Strider, R.N., in the offices of Dr. Marshall Glenn; and Mrs. L. N. Coyner of Cloverlick; and five brothers, James W., cashier of the Bank of Charles Town; Isaac, of Clarksburg; Robert E. L., and Frank, of Leetown, the latter connected with the Jefferson Motor Company; and Phil, a graduate of the local high school.

Miss Strider was educated in the public schools of her birthplace, and St. Hilda's Hall in Ranson, where she was graduated with the class of 1929. She remained another year with her alma mater to take post-graduate courses and to study business administration. Her first employment of note was that of secretary to the late Attorney Peyton R. Harrison, Jr., working in his office in Charles Town for about two years. She later was secretary to the superintendent of construction when the Federal Fish Hatchery at Leetown was being built, and following that, accepted a position as secretary and a member of the faculty in St. Hilda's Hall in 1935-36. Here, Miss Strider was given the task of contacting the alumni of the school, and publishing the last issue of the "Alumni News." In 1937 she went to Charleston with the session of the Legislature for two months as secretary to James Paull, of Wellsburg, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee. It was while she was employed in this position that she received word of her appointment as deputy sheriff of Jefferson County.

Miss Strider was the second woman deputy sheriff in West Virginia, appointed by former Sheriff R. J. Madison on April 1, 1937 and continued in office, serving almost eight years with Sheriff Madison, and from January 1, 1945, with Sheriff Garland H. Moore. In April, 1948, she was appointed high sheriff of Jefferson County, succeeding Sheriff Moore, deceased, becoming the first woman to hold that office in West Virginia. She resumed her work as deputy sheriff in January, 1949, upon the election and induction into the office of J. Ernest Watson.

While one of the outstanding duties of Deputy Sheriff Strider is the collecting of county taxes and keeping the financial records of the county straight, she conducts a sort of information bureau for citizens and gives aid to them and county and State officials. She lends a sympathetic ear to tales of woe and never fails in gracious understanding and help. During World War II, she was appointed explosive license agent, whose responsibility was the issuing of permits for the purchase of explosives. She also was government mileage administrator for Jefferson County, which meant apportioning gasoline to be used by all kinds of officials, and did so well that she retained friends and above all was officially commended by the State Mileage Administrator.

"Another of Miss Strider's war services," said the editor of the "Jefferson Republican," "but in no way connected with her post in the sheriff's office, is her position as a Gray Lady. She began her course of training for this work in December, 1946, which included six weeks of lectures given at the Newton D. Baker General Hospital. Giving her time in this fine work while the Newton D. Baker Hospital was under Army supervision, and continuing it at the present time when the hospital is known as the Newton D. Baker Veterans Administration Center, she is one of a group of six ladies from the community, who give their time willingly and cheerfully to make life brighter for the patients at the hospital."

When the Newton D. Baker Hospital was an army hospital, Miss Strider was in charge of the dances sponsored by Jefferson County for the patients, and which were held about every six weeks. This was a big responsibility, because it was no small task to line up fifty or a hundred young girls, charter a bus to take them to the hospital and be responsible for their conduct and their safe return to their homes.

In the field of politics, Miss Strider is a staunch Democrat, a member of the West Virginia State Democratic Committee; past president, secretary and treasurer of the Jefferson County Democratic

Committee; and vice-president of the Young Democrat Club of West Virginia. She belongs to the Jackson Perks Post No. 71, American Legion, and American Legion Auxiliary of Charles Town. She was a founder of the Jefferson Players, acting in and staging its plays; and enjoys membership in the Jefferson County Choral Club. For eight years Miss Strider has served as Jefferson County Infantile Paralysis Campaign director, and as such has achieved a record not equalled by any other county in the State. The Red Cross and other humanitarian agencies receive her hearty cooperation. She loves sports, is an expert fisherwoman and cheers on participants in games. Miss Strider is a member of St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church of Leetown, in which she takes a very active part. Being a niece of the Rt. Rev. Robert E. L. Strider, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of West Virginia, she is intensely interested in the work of the church throughout the State, particularly the work of the Young People's Fellowship. She was president of the Eastern Convocation branch of this organization for some years, and is now retained as an advisor to the group. Under her administration, Old Christ Church at Bunker Hill was restored in 1940, where the observance of the bi-centennial anniversary of the church was celebrated.

WILLIAM BALDWIN SNYDER—The "Shepherdstown Register," the weekly paper published at Shepherdstown, is an influential Democratic organ known not only in its state, West Virginia, and in the Shenandoah Valley but also in all the other nearby states, including Virginia, Pennsylvania and Maryland. For three generations (75 years) it has been in the hands of the Snyder family and today its editor is William Baldwin Snyder, grandson of the first Snyder to guide the paper, and son of his predecessor in the management. The "Register" is West Virginia's oldest paper which has continued under the same name. All the Snyders have been famed in the Valley, including the present editor's mother, Mrs. Martha J. (White) Snyder, who has not only also served as editor of the paper, but as Postmistress of Shepherdstown and a leader in many other fields of interest. William Baldwin Snyder is a partner in the ownership of another business, Printcraft, Inc., at Martinsburg, seat of West Virginia's Berkeley County. He is a veteran of World War II.

Mr. Snyder was born on June 24, 1926. His father, also named William Baldwin Snyder, who

died in December, 1942, was not only also editor of the "Shepherdstown Register" but Postmaster of Shepherdstown, a leader in the Democratic Party and an outstanding personality in Shenandoah Valley. This may be said as well of the present editor's grandfather, Harry Lambright Snyder, who edited the "Shepherdstown Register" for fifty years. On December 4, 1949, the paper published a one hundredth anniversary edition. This, among other things, commemorated the great services H. L. Snyder gave to the paper, the community and the region, as well as the entire contribution of the family.

The first William B. Snyder and Martha J. White, daughter of James W. and Nettie (Graham) White, were married on August 4, 1919, when she, a native of Kingwood, was twenty-six years old. She had been educated at Dennison University, Granville, Ohio, and Shepherd College, Shepherdstown, and taught school for three years, first in Terra Alta, then in the Girls' Industrial School in Salem and later in Elkins. To "enlarge her interest in life," Mrs. Snyder went to New York, where for a time she was social secretary to a wealthy resident of that city. Afterward, she was associated with the Radcliffe Chautauqua, working as advance agent in various parts of the South. All this was during World War I. After the war, she and "Bill" Snyder, who had served with the United States Army in France, were married and settled in Shepherdstown. Three children were born to them—Mrs. Jean Schley, wife of Lieutenant Commander John Boone Schley of the United States Navy; Mrs. Cora Crawford Snyder Foster, a graduate nurse of Duke University, who also holds the degree of Bachelor of Science; and William B. Snyder, the present editor of the paper. Mrs. Snyder, the daughter of the editor of a Republican paper, became a Democrat in later years. She served as a member of the West Virginia State Parole Board for four years, having been appointed by Governor Conley. Then she became chairman of the national division of correction in the General Federation of Women's Clubs, and in this post she served from 1934 to 1938. During Herbert Hoover's campaigns for the presidency, Mrs. Snyder was a hard worker, organizing Hoover-Curtis clubs in West Virginia in the first campaign and working in the Chicago headquarters in the second. Also, she served on the West Virginia State Judicial Commission. During the World's Fair in New York, she was hostess at the West Virginia Building. From 1922 to 1948, Mrs. Snyder was editor of the "West

Virginia Clubwoman," printed at the plant of the "Shepherdstown Register." This is the official organ of the West Virginia Federation of Women's Clubs. Mrs. Snyder organized the Woman's Club of Shepherdstown and was its first president, and was instrumental in giving the community a public library. After H. L. Snyder died and his son became editor of the "Shepherdstown Register," Mrs. Snyder assisted in bringing out the paper. Then, when the son, too, died, on December 2, 1942, she assumed the editorship. At the time of his death William B. Snyder was postmaster of Shepherdstown, and in this office Mrs. Snyder also succeeded him. She held that office until her death in 1948. She was active in the American Red Cross, in wartime and in peace, and in many other community programs. As "The Jefferson Republican," another paper in the county, said of her, "Mrs. Snyder continues to be a driving force in the life of her community, with friends continually seeking her advice and aid, which she so graciously gives."

Inspired by such parents and grandparents, William Baldwin Snyder is himself making a reputation in the field of journalism and printing in Shenandoah Valley. He was graduated from the Shepherdstown High School in 1944 and shortly afterward went into the United States Infantry. Attached to the 86th (Blackhawk) Infantry Division, he served in both the European and Pacific Theaters of Operations and on September 16, 1946, was honorably separated from the service. He was then holding the rank of corporal. From 1946 to 1948, Mr. Snyder studied at Roanoke College, Salem, and in the year 1948-49 he majored in journalism at the University of West Virginia, Morgantown. Since July, 1948, he has been editor of the "Shepherdstown Register." This paper now has a circulation of sixteen hundred and currently is extending its prestige and influence. It derives a large income from job printing. It prints not only the "West Virginia Clubwoman," but also the "Shepherd College Picket" and the "Episcopal Church News for West Virginia." On July 1, 1949, Mr. Snyder, in partnership with Paul Martin (q.v.) of Martinsburg, established Printcraft, Inc., in that community. This is a large and growing commercial printing concern. Mr. Snyder is, like his late father and grandfather and his mother, a member of the Democratic Party. He worships in St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Shepherdstown, and is a member of the National Editorial Association, the Junior Chamber of Commerce, and the Men's Club of Shepherdstown. His fraternity is Sigma Chi.

DAVID EDGAR SHANK, of Harrisonburg, is identified with a number of corporate enterprises in the Shenandoah Valley, particularly organizations engaged in the distribution of farmers' produce. He is also a bank vice-president, and takes an active part in civic affairs.

A native of Broadway in Rockingham County, Mr. Shank was born August 21, 1889, son of John F. and Elizabeth (Zigler) Shank and grandson of Samuel and Katherine (Rhodes) Shank. His maternal grandparents were Michael and Mary (Knupp) Zigler, and both families had long been resident in this region of the Valley. David E. Shank attended the public grade and high schools of his native town, and at the age of twenty went to the West, remaining there for six years. In Chicago he entered the employ of the drug sales department and general offices of Armour and Company, remaining with that vast organization for three years. He next moved to the Minneapolis-St. Paul area, and for the ensuing three years was associated with the sales department of Swift and Company, in South St. Paul, Minnesota.

Mr. Shank then returned to his native Rockingham County where he entered the dairy business, and during the intervening years has formed a number of connections in related fields. He found in his native town of Broadway a logical center for the distribution of the poultry, live stock and dairy production for which the area is noted. He became, and remains, president of Augusta Dairies, which has its headquarters in Staunton; and he is secretary-treasurer and general manager of The Valley of Virginia Co-operative Milk Producers Association, with main offices in Harrisonburg where Mr. Shank now makes his home. Other organizations stemming from the rich agricultural production of the upper Valley, with which Mr. Shank is identified in official capacity, are the Rockingham Poultry Association, the Lynchburg Dairy, and the Virginia Dairy Products Association. He is a member of the board of directors of each of these, and was formerly president of the last-mentioned. He is treasurer of the Agricultural Conference Board of Virginia, and public director of the Rockingham Poultry Marketing Co-operative, Inc., of Timberville, Virginia. He is also a member of the board of the Lynchburg-Westover Dairy, Inc., of Lynchburg.

Mr. Shank is vice-president of the Rockingham National Bank, and he is a member and director of the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Chamber of Commerce. He belongs also to the Rotary Club

of Harrisonburg. Of Methodist faith, he is a trustee of the church at Harrisonburg. True to the nature of his business interests, he finds in dairy farming a profitable avocation, and also finds time for fishing. He has an alert mind, receptive to all that is going on in the world about him, and is an extensive reader of newspapers and magazines, whose views assist him in formulating independent and constructive opinions on affairs of large scope. His progressive attitude of mind is well calculated to bring able direction to the agricultural organizations and business groups with which he has identified himself.

In Chicago, Illinois, September 20, 1916, David Edgar Shank married Bertha B. Bare of Broadway. To them have been born three children: 1. Maxine Mardelle, born May 31, 1919, in Broadway. She married Dr. J. T. Obenschain, and they have two children: Jack, born in 1947, and Jill, born in 1949. 2. Donald Eugene, born September 12, 1926. 3. Charles Lewis, born April 26, 1931. Mr. Shank's business address is West Washington Street, Harrisonburg.

HARRY M. STRICKLER—In Luray, Virginia, Harry M. Strickler is one of the most beloved citizens. After concluding a distinguished career in the law covering a period of nearly three decades, he turned his attention to the expression of his literary gift as a writer and genealogist. He long has been interested in Shenandoah Valley families and history, and has won wide recognition for his contributions to the literature and annals of Virginia military organizations and localities. He is highly rated as the compiler of "The History of Page County," the foremost authority on this subject.

Harry M. Strickler was born on a farm near Timberville, Virginia, on November 5, 1881, the sixth son of Benjamin Franklin and Susan Virginia (Cline) Strickler, but spent the major portion of his youth on his father's farm on Smith Creek, near Endless Caverns, to which his parents moved when he was about five years old. After attending the public schools of his county, and the West Central Academy, he matriculated at Bridgewater College, from which he was graduated with the class of 1906, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. For his professional education he entered the University of Virginia in the fall of 1905, where in 1907 he became a Bachelor of Laws.

Admitted to the bar in 1907, Mr. Strickler engaged in practice as an attorney in Arlington



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County, to 1910. Then, to 1915, he was located at Harrisonburg. He was Commonwealth Attorney, Rockingham County, from 1915 to 1920, and was deputy clerk of the United States District Court in Harrisonburg, 1920-21. In Luray, Page County, Mr. Strickler practiced his profession from 1929 to 1935, and all down through the years had been a familiar and esteemed figure in the fraternity of lawyers, local, county and State.

In politics Mr. Strickler is a Democrat, but with party lines disregarded was honored with election as mayor of Luray. During his administration from 1931 to 1935, he sponsored and supported a number of progressive measures that worked to the benefit of the municipality and the welfare of its citizenry. He is a Rotarian, active in the various movements undertaken in the community to promote its best interests. For a hobby that grew to absorb a major part of his attention, he is especially noted as a historian and genealogist. He is well acquainted with the annals of parts of Shenandoah Valley, its pioneer settlers and their origins. Currently he is publishing "The History of Page County," that promises to become an increasingly important authority in the field of local history in Virginia. He is the author of such works as "Massanutten," "Forerunners," "The Old Tenth Legion Marriages," "The Tenth Legion Tithables," and many contributions to various publications. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Blue Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and the Chapter, Royal Arch Masons. He attends the Presbyterian Church.

On December 29, 1934, Harry M. Strickler married Virginia Garber Cole, daughter of Franklin Garber and Catharine (Rothgeb) Garber. Mrs. Strickler is actively interested in educational and related projects.

WILLIAM JETER PHILLIPS—In the relatively few years that William Jeter Phillips has practiced law in Front Royal, he has risen rapidly to prominence in city, county and State affairs. One of that large group of Americans whose careers have been interrupted by World War II military service, he spent nearly five years in the Navy, being separated after battle activities in the Pacific Theater of Operations with the rank of lieutenant commander.

A Virginian, William Jeter Phillips was born in Staunton, on October 23, 1913, son of John L. and Marie (Ernst) Phillips, his father being a horticulturist, specializing in the growing of fruits. The son was encouraged to acquire a

broad education and chose the career in which he thought he could succeed. After several years attending the Northwestern Preparatory Academy, at Watertown, Wisconsin, he returned to Virginia to be graduated from the Warren County High School, with the class of 1930. Between 1930 and 1934, he was a student at Roanoke College, before transferring to the University of Richmond, where he was graduated in 1936, a Bachelor of Science. For his technical work he matriculated at George Washington University, in the nation's capital city, where he received, in 1942, the degree of Bachelor of Laws.

When the United States became involved in World War II, Mr. Phillips enlisted in the United States Navy, in August, 1941, and became an ensign, assigned to the office of the Chief of Naval Operations in Washington, D. C. He attended the Post-Graduate School of the Naval Academy, and following that was for about a year on the U.S.S. "Block Island," and for two years served on the U.S.S. "Rudyard Bay" in the Pacific Theater of War. Upon being separated from the Navy on February 28, 1946, as a lieutenant commander, he returned to Virginia, and has since been an attorney-at-law in Front Royal. In that same year he became city attorney of the county seat of Warren County, and in August, 1947, was elected as Commonwealth Attorney for a four-year term.

That Mr. Phillips is a Democrat in political affiliations, has not been the determining factor in his election to public offices. He is public-spirited, keenly interested in projects and organizations that work for the best interest of the community, and cooperates heartily with fellow citizens. He is a member of the Lions Club, and along professional lines belongs to the American Bar Association, the Virginia State Bar Association, and the Seventeenth Judicial District Bar Association. His college and law fraternities are Pi Kappa Pi and Phi Alpha Delta. His interest in military affairs of his country are reflected in American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars activities. He attends the Lutheran Church.

On May 29, 1948, at Linden, Virginia, William Jeter Phillips married Sidney Dorsey of Stephenson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Dorsey.

AMZI GODDEN McVAY—The part that synthetic materials play in the progress of American industry grows with the years, and in this development Shenandoah Valley has come to share

largely. Located at Front Royal, Virginia, is the largest establishment of the noted American Viscose Corporation, of which Amzi Godden McVay is the plant manager, one of the most important positions in the industries of the city and company.

Mr. McVay is a native of Birmingham, Alabama, born on November 3, 1907, son of George Boss and Carrie (Dolson) McVay, his father now living retired at St. Louis, Missouri, at the age of more than eighty years. His mother passed away in 1946. After being graduated from the Birmingham High School, he entered the Georgia Institute of Technology, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Science in Chemistry, with the class of 1929. That same year he became associated with the American Viscose Corporation, and has since risen steadily in its employ. He was a chemical engineer at Marcus Hook, Pennsylvania, from 1929 to 1939, and then came to Front Royal in a similar capacity for the company. Since 1947 he has been plant superintendent of this, the largest plant of the American Viscose Corporation, a concern that employs three thousand people in the manufacture of rayon and staple fibres for textile uses. As a citizen of Front Royal, Mr. McVay is a member of the board of directors of the Citizens National Bank, and of the board of managers of the Warren County Memorial Hospital, in the city. He belongs to the Front Royal Chamber of Commerce, of which he is a former councilor. A communicant of the Presbyterian Church, he serves it as an elder and president of the men's organization of the church.

On October 4, 1936, Amzi Godden McVay married Lula Annette Hills of Swarthmore, Pennsylvania, daughter of DeWill and Lula Hills. Mr. and Mrs. McVay are the parents of three children: 1. John Harvey, born November 6, 1937. 2. Priscilla Annette, born March 28, 1940. 3. Deborah Jean, born November 4, 1947.

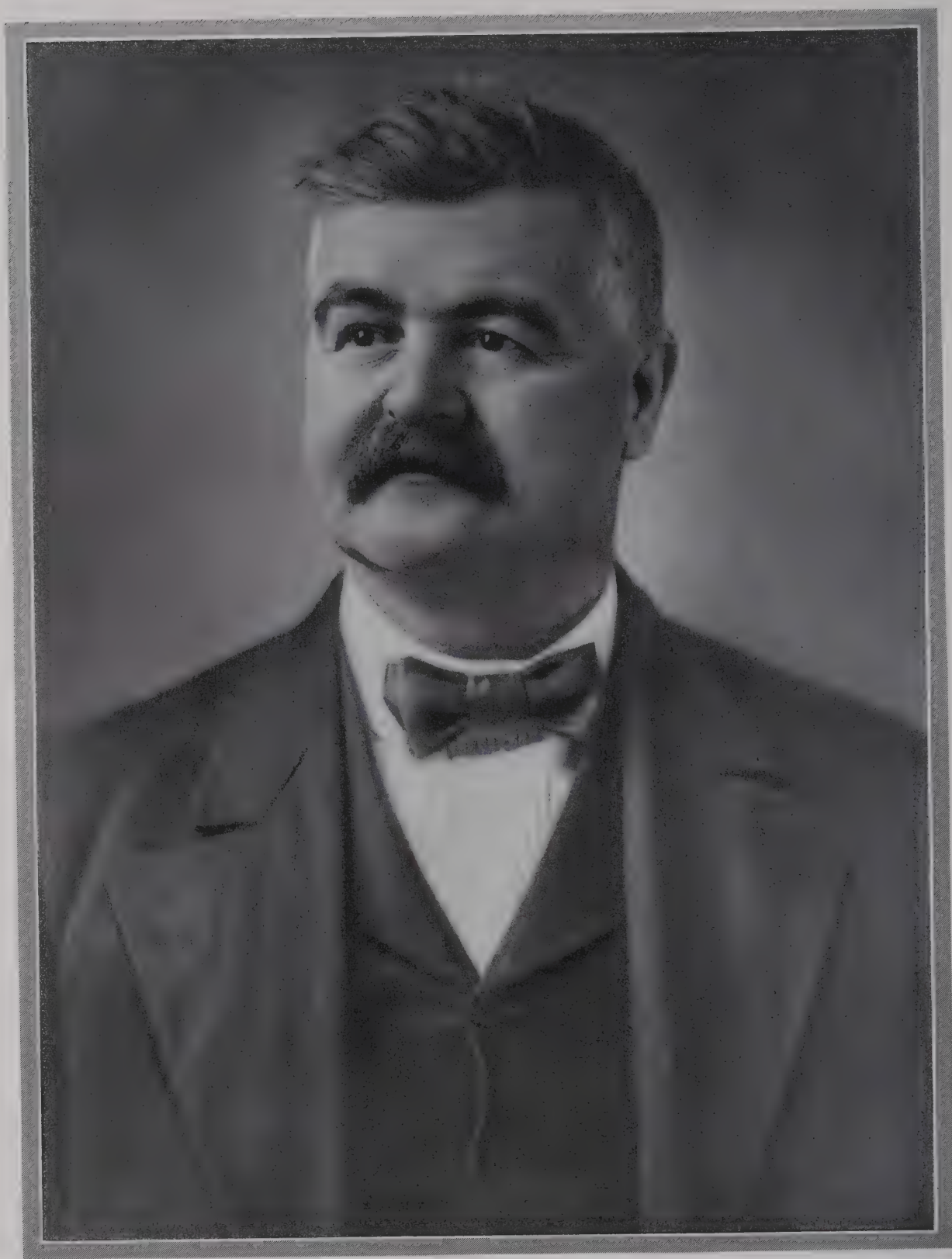
HORATIO FONTAINE MINTER — In the slightly more than a decade that Horatio Fontaine Minter has been a citizen of Front Royal, Virginia, he has been very much to the fore in his profession and in cooperation with community affairs, carrying further his reputation in these fields of endeavor established in Hopewell, this State. Born in Henry County, Virginia, near Martinsville, on November 15, 1881, he is the son of James Powhatan, born in Henry County, Virginia, and Kathryn (Cole) Minter, also born in Henry County, both of whom died when their son was

young. His father died in February, 1897, at Martinsville, Virginia; his mother passed on in 1887, at Elmira, Missouri.

Having to a large extent to make his own way in life, Horatio Fontaine Minter, after attending schools in Henry County and Roanoke, Virginia, entered the employ of the Norfolk and Western Railway, at Roanoke. Ambitious to enter a profession, he read law in the offices of Hairston and Hairston, and was admitted to the Virginia bar on June 23, 1906. From that year until 1911 he practiced his profession without partners in Roanoke. During 1912 to 1914 he was associated with the "Washington Post," at Washington, D. C., while at the same time taking law courses at the Georgetown University Law School. In 1913 Mr. Minter was admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States upon the motion of the late Hon. Claude A. Swanson, former United States Senator and Secretary of the Navy. He also has been admitted to practice in the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia.

Journalism and law studies no doubt have contributed to the career of Mr. Minter. He went to Hopewell in September, 1915, and continued his activities there until June, 1937. As a prominent attorney and progressive citizen, he was identified with many city and county affairs. He served as city attorney of Hopewell for several years and in 1932 prepared a new and the present city charter, to conform to the principles of the city management form of government, which form of government was adopted at a special municipal election held in 1924, and which charter was enacted into law at the 1934 session of the General Assembly. He also served as the first Judge of the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court of Prince George County and of the City of Hopewell, under the act of the General Assembly passed in 1922, and later was substitute civil and police justice of the City of Hopewell.

Since June, 1937, Mr. Minter has been a citizen and lawyer of the county seat of Warren County, a leading figure in Front Royal life. The most recent of his professional affiliations came on October 1, 1949, when he formed a partnership with Clarence W. Allison, Jr., and J. Adair Moore. Mr. Minter is a member of the Warren County, the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit, Virginia State, and the American Bar associations. He is president and general counsel of the Front Royal Building and Loan Association; general counsel and director of the Front Royal Dairy, Inc.; president of the Mintwood Development Corporation; mem-



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ber of the board of directors and former president of Shenandoah Valley, Inc., and an organizer of the Sky-Park Broadcasting Corporation, the owner and operator of Station WFTR. He headed this enterprise from the time it received its charter until it went on the air in September, 1948. He aided in the reorganization of the Front Royal Chamber of Commerce in 1944, and was its president for two years. He figures actively in the Rotary Club of the city, and is a member of the vestry of Calvary Episcopal Church.

At Charleston, South Carolina, on June 4, 1925, Horatio Fontaine Minter married Gertrude Cody of Amelia County, Virginia, daughter of L. Baxter and Laura (Carver) Cody. Mr. and Mrs. Minter are the parents of a daughter, Jean Carver, now in her senior year at Mary Washington College, Fredericksburg.

JAMES ARTHUR CROSS—Numbered among the outstanding business men of Front Royal and one whose acumen and energies have brought him to the front as the head of his own enterprise and as an executive and director of several other firms, James Arthur Cross has made himself exceptionally popular in the city for the roles he has played in community life as a progressive citizen. Into his career have entered interesting side activities, although from youth he has been connected with the building trade. He was just old enough to take part in World War I and to earn a commission. He has raced some excellent horses on the foremost tracks in the Eastern United States; and he has served as president of a number of organizations.

Born at Seabrook, Maryland, on December 20, 1895, James Arthur Cross is the son of Richard and Elizabeth (Rabbit) Cross, both of whom are deceased. His father died in 1897, and his mother passed away in that same year. Left so early without parents he was raised and acquired his elementary education in the Washington Orphanage, in the Nation's capital city. From the first he had his own way to make in life and what he has achieved is wholly of his own making without the aid of wealth or influential friends. After serving in World War I, in the Fifth and Sixth United States Cavalry, mainly overseas with the American Expeditionary Forces, he received his honorable discharge from the Armed Forces of his country in 1919, with the distinction of having won the rank of first lieutenant.

When in 1919, Mr. Cross returned to civilian

affairs, he entered the contracting and building business in Washington, D. C., where he continued until 1935. In the latter-named year, he came to Front Royal, Virginia, where since 1937 he has had his own firm, dealing in all kinds of builder's supplies, including cinder blocks, which originally he manufactured. He serves a territory that roughly lies within a radius of thirty miles about Front Royal, and is highly esteemed in his enterprise for fair dealing, services rendered and knowledge of customer's needs and how to furnish them. His executive abilities and leadership have been drafted as president of the Royal Dairy Company, president of the C. & C. Company, Inc., operators of drive-in motion picture theatres, and he is a director of the Sky-Park Broadcasting Corporation (Station WFTR). All of which shows him to be thoroughly modern and progressive in ideas and commercial activities.

For several years Mr. Cross, in association with Dr. William E. Lynn (q.v.) of Front Royal, has engaged in the raising and racing of horses, some of which were in high brackets on such noted tracks as Belmont Park, New York, Garden State Park, New Jersey, Delaware Park, Delaware, and Oak Lawn Park, Arkansas. Some of their best horses, familiar with track followers of a few years ago, were "Oldomwood," "Second Love," "Dody," and "Star Fantasy." As mentioned, Mr. Cross was a first lieutenant, World War I, is Commander of the Charles B. Cook Post, No. 53, American Legion, and was prominent in World War II civilian drives and humanitarian endeavors. He has the honor of being a past president of the Chamber of Commerce, the Lions Club, and the Merchants Association, of Front Royal. He attends the Episcopal Church.

On December 20, 1931, at Charlotte, North Carolina, James Arthur Cross married Mary Alice Humphrey, daughter of Otho S. and Mabel E. Humphrey. Mr. and Mrs. Cross are the parents of a son: James Arthur, Jr., born August 5, 1944.

C. L. ROBINSON ICE AND COLD STORAGE CORPORATION—With beginnings in the early years of the century, the C. L. Robinson Ice and Cold Storage Corporation has grown, under the guidance of two successive generations of the Robinson Family, into one of the most significant enterprises of the Shenandoah Valley. Its founder, the far-sighted industrialist, Charles L. Robinson, died in 1922. The second generation in its management has included Charles Arthur Robinson,

who is the firm's president, and Harry Delmer, who has for many years been treasurer. The members of this family of business leaders have also been identified with many other industrial projects of benefit to the Winchester area.

The beginnings of the C. L. Robinson Ice and Cold Storage Company, primary venture to engage the attention of the family, date from April, 1902, when Charles Lee Robinson, as his initial business operation, purchased a small ice plant in Winchester. Mr. Robinson was a native of the state of Indiana, born January 1, 1855, a son of Francis Harrison Robinson, who came to West Virginia during the son's early years as an employee of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. Fairmont, in Marion County, where the family made their home, was still in the state of Virginia. Young Charles L. Robinson attended the local schools in Fairmont, and it is related that even in his early years he gave evidence of the qualities of mind which were to make him one of the phenomenal business leaders of his generation. His first practical commercial experience was also gained in Fairmont, where he engaged independently in the retail coal and ice business. In this way he gained his initial experience in the industry which was later to occupy so much of his attention, and which he was to develop to such proportions.

In 1902 he removed with his family to Winchester, and in that same year made a bold entrance into the industrial life of the city by purchasing an ice plant which had not been particularly successful, and developing from it a substantial enterprise. Nor was this his only constructive interest. With remarkable foresight, he visualized his venture in its relationship to an increasingly important phase of the Valley's agriculture. The apple industry of Frederick County and surrounding area was beginning to assume significant proportions. Mr. Robinson brought success out of his enterprise where others had failed.

In 1907 his name became identified with another venture, the Winchester Steam Laundry, and still later he acquired the Snapp Foundry. That these ventures were well selected and ably managed has been indicated by their continuing prosperity through the years. The foundry came under Mr. Robinson's ownership in 1910.

When Charles L. Robinson first acquired the ice plant which has continued to bear his name, it was a small firm with a production capacity of no more than 20 tons of ice daily. In planning its expansion, Mr. Robinson developed a cold-storage plant to meet the demands of apple growers of the

agricultural region surrounding Winchester. In 1905, he established a cold-storage plant with a capacity of twenty thousand barrels, which was devoted almost entirely to the storage of apples for market demands. During the course of subsequent expansion, this plant has increased to ten times its former capacity, and there is in addition a second storage plant at Berryville, and a third at Charles Town, West Virginia. In 1912, Mr. Robinson and his sons assumed control of the Berryville Ice and Refrigerating Company. The enterprise at Charles Town followed this. In 1917, he bought the entire capital stock of the business at Berryville and also the holdings at Winchester and Charles Town. In 1910, he had entered agricultural production himself, purchasing his first orchard, and since that time the family has acquired over 2500 acres of fruit trees, situated in Frederick County, Virginia; Jefferson and Berkeley counties in West Virginia; and Washington and Allegheny counties in Maryland. Their fruit trees have produced some of the favorite varieties of apples: Ben Davis, Duchess, Golden Delicious, Jonathan, King David, McIntosh, New Town Pippin, Rome Beauty, Stark's Delicious, York Imperial, and others.

The Snapp Foundry, which Mr. Robinson acquired in 1910, is now incorporated under this title and the stock is owned by the family. This foundry was established in 1865 by F. R. Snapp, and the original plant stood on the site of the present large and modern plant. It was acquired by Mr. Robinson from the heirs of the founder of the business, and as owner he entrusted the operation of the foundry to efficient managers, an arrangement which continued to the time of his death. From unpromising beginnings, this enterprise became a significant industry, playing a vital part in the general economic scheme of this part of the Valley. After the death of Charles Lee Robinson, the foundry was reorganized and incorporated, and his widow, Marie Elizabeth (Barnes) Robinson, became its president, his daughter Mary E., its vice-president, and his son Charles A., its secretary and treasurer. H. Delmer Robinson is now president of the corporation, while another son of Charles Lee Robinson continues not only as secretary and treasurer but as general manager. Recently major developments have expanded the plant's capacity, and over thirty employees are now on its payroll. It engages in the manufacture of gray-iron castings, which are shipped over a wide territory ranging from Albany, New York, to New Orleans, Louisiana, and as far west as

Butte, Montana. In the machine shop are maintained the best modern facilities for handling general repair work for other industries, and the corporation also makes provision for the fabrication and erection of structural steel. In this connection it has carried out important contracts and has provided service that previously had required the work of concerns in larger cities. The company also acts as jobbers of machine supplies and material, and this effective service precludes the necessity of shipping these supplies from distant points.

The agricultural holdings associated with the Robinson name have continued to expand. In addition to the apple orchards mentioned above, the family owns extensive plantings of peach and cherry trees, bringing the total acreage in orchards to over twenty-five hundred.

In Fairmont, West Virginia, in 1883, Charles Lee Robinson married Marie Elizabeth Barnes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter T. Barnes. Mr. and Mrs. Robinson became the parents of five children, all born in Fairmont: Fred Albert, Frank Barnes, Mary Elizabeth, Charles Arthur, and Harry Delmer.

H. Delmer Robinson is president of the Snapp Foundry. Charles Arthur, the third son, is president of the C. L. Robinson Ice and Cold Storage Corporation. Mary Elizabeth Robinson is vice-president.

H. Delmer Robinson, who has held the office of treasurer of both the C. L. Robinson Ice and Cold Storage Corporation and president of the Snapp Foundry, was born in Fairmont on August 21, 1896. He attended the public grade schools in Winchester, and graduated from the Shenandoah Valley Academy in the class of 1913, and from Dickinson College in 1917, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. In August of that year he became associated with his father in the management of the C. L. Robinson Ice and Cold Storage Corporation in Winchester. He was named its treasurer in that year, and has continued in that office since. In 1931 there were added to his responsibilities those of general manager. When the plants at Charles Town and Winchester are running at full capacity during the peak production season, over five hundred people are often in the employ of the corporation.

As a civic-minded citizen, H. Delmer Robinson has served his community as a member of the school board, and he belongs also to the Kiwanis Club. In 1947, 1948 and again in 1949, he was chosen president of the Apple Blossom Festival.

He is affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, holds the thirty-second degree, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and is a member of the temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of the lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and of the Winchester Golf Club. He is active in the program of the Winchester Chamber of Commerce.

During World War I, H. Delmer Robinson served in the United States Army, being assigned to Officers Training Camp at Camp Lee, Virginia. He is a member of the American Legion post. In his politics, he is independent. He and his family attend the Market Street Methodist Church, of which congregation Mr. Robinson has for thirty years been treasurer. He takes an interest in competitive sports, particularly football and baseball.

In Fairmont, Virginia, November 1, 1922, H. Delmer Robinson married Louise Hall, who was a native of that city, and daughter of Homer and Anna (Harr) Hall. They have become the parents of four children: 1. Harry Delmer, Jr., born in Winchester, August 15, 1923. He is a graduate of Handley School, attended Virginia Military Institute for two years, and graduated from Duke University in the class of 1945 with the degree of Mechanical Engineer. He is now associated with his father, in the capacity of assistant manager of the plant. He is a veteran of World War II. Harry Delmer Robinson, Jr., married, in January, 1948, Mary Potter, of Hagerstown, Maryland. 2. Ann Elizabeth, born September 19, 1925, in Winchester. She graduated from Handley High School and Stephens College and received her degree of Bachelor of Arts from the University of North Carolina in 1947. 3. Martha Hall, born August 8, 1934. She is a graduate of Handley High School. 4. Susan Lee, born March 10, 1942, attending Winchester schools.

THORNTON TAYLOE PERRY, postmaster of Charles Town, West Virginia, is now serving in public office a community in which he has long been a popular and highly respected figure. In peace and wartime, Mr. Perry's record of accomplishment has been excellent. In the years before World War II, he was conspicuously successful in the field of automobile sales. He served in the army in both world conflicts, attaining the rank of major in the second war, and being made provost marshal of London at the time that great city was under fire by Nazi jet projectiles. He

has returned to a constructive peacetime life, and to a position of leadership in community and veterans' activities.

Born September 19, 1892, in Charles Town, Mr. Perry is a son of Edward Tayloe and Eleanor (Craighill) Perry, and forebears who chose the military profession are numerous in his ancestry. His maternal grandfather, Brigadier General W. P. C. Craighill, was Chief of Engineers of the United States Army; and his paternal grandfather, Captain Roger Perry, held his rank in the United States Navy. Mr. Perry's son, Major Thornton Tayloe Perry, III, seems to be carrying on this military tradition, as noted below. A brother of Mr. Perry is Senator William P. C. Perry of Charles Town.

Beginning his education in Charles Town, Thornton Tayloe Perry at an early age attended the kindergarten of the late Miss Judith Sublett, and later studied under Mr. John Warner, a private tutor secured by Bishop Gravatt as instructor to a number of the local boys. The late Dr. Warner later assumed direction of the Charles Town Male Academy, on the location of the present Wright Denny Graded School, and young Perry attended that school for two years, after which he went to the Charles Town Graded School, and later to Woodberry Forrest School in Orange, Virginia. While at Woodberry, Mr. Perry, who had always excelled in sports, broke the Southern interscholastic record for the pole vault at ten feet, six inches, using a solid pole, unlike the light bamboo poles now in use. His record remained unbroken for twenty years. He was also a member of Woodberry's swimming and track teams, and was outstanding in football.

On completing his studies at Woodberry, Mr. Perry formed his first business connection with the old Citizens Fire Insurance Company of Charles Town, of which Richard W. Alexander was president. When later this concern moved its offices to Baltimore, Mr. Perry made that city his home. While working in Baltimore, an athletic scout from Mercersburg Academy persuaded Mr. Perry to enroll at that institution, and there he used what is believed to be the first motorcycle in the county, a one-cylinder machine, to pace Ted Meredith, who while a student at Mercersburg broke two world's records in the one hundred and two hundred twenty yard track events. Mr. Perry later completed his education at the University of Maryland, from which he holds the Bachelor of Laws degree.

In 1915, Mr. Perry went with the Washington

branch of the Ford Motor Company, with which he remained until the time of his enlistment in the service in 1917. The account of the beginning of his significant military career, and the determination of his branch of the service was thus reviewed in a biography of Mr. Perry appearing in the columns of "The Jefferson Republican":

In 1917 several of the men with whom he worked qualified for the Signal service, Aviation Section, U. S. Army. Their boasts of the terrific tests required to meet the standards of the air service, tempted Perry to slip off secretly and take the entrance examinations, which he passed. He was ordered to Ft. Myer and was later sent to Kelley Field, Texas.

"At Kelley Field," Perry said, "we trained with what today would be considered kites. Compared to the complicated and terrifically speedy aircraft of today those old busses lumbering along at 100 miles an hour now seem like toys. But in those days we thought this was amazing."

When Thornton T. Perry sailed for England in December, 1917, he was a fully trained member of the Air Corps. He landed at Liverpool, and after a short period of training in England, went to France early in 1918. There he remained on active duty until the end of the war. He returned to the states and was discharged in April, 1919.

On his return to civilian life, Mr. Perry associated himself with the Goodrich Tire Company at Newark, New Jersey. Later, with the Mack Truck Company, he was made that firm's branch manager at Charlotte, North Carolina. He had always been interested in newspaper work and sales promotion, however, and at this juncture of his career, he joined the staff of the Baltimore "Sun," later going with the Baltimore "American" and also the "Evening Sun" of Baltimore. It was while he was in the employ of the "Evening Sun" that he completed law studies at the University of Maryland, and was graduated with the Bachelor of Laws degree.

In Baltimore, Mr. Perry, together with a number of other former Air Force men, formed a small airplane company under the name of the Chesapeake Aircraft Company. They taught flying, carried passengers, and took aerial photographs, and in addition ran a mechanical school. Later they sold their enterprise to the Curtiss Flying Service. Mr. Perry returned to his native Charles Town in the early 1930s, and there became associated with the Jefferson Motor Company, with which he remained for a number of years following. He built up an exceptional record in the automotive sales field, and looks

back to this period of his life as the one of the greatest financial success. Each year he won valuable prizes for his achievements in selling, and was awarded trips to California and to the New York World's Fair. This was not the extent of his traveling during these years, for he also made a trip to Europe to revisit the battlefields over which he had fought during World War I, and to renew friendships made in England and in France.

The United States having entered another era of conflict, Mr. Perry re-enlisted in the United States Army, in 1942. Commissioned a first lieutenant, he was assigned to a Military Police outfit, and immediately sent to Liverpool, his second time within a quarter of a century to land at that port with the assignment of defending his country. His military police organization was dispatched to the southern part of England and there divided into companies, of one of which Mr. Perry became captain, with corresponding rank. The battalion of which his company was a unit conducted hundreds of thousands of American troops and vehicles to board the vessels which were to carry them across the English Channel on "D Day." The battalion was later transferred to Dorchester, in a heavily wooded section of southern England. Mr. Perry thus describes the situation:

This area was the focal point for the jumpoff to France. We were bombed day and night. The ground literally shook when extremely large bombs dropped near us. A foxhole was pleasant company.

When they were later transferred to Southampton, Captain Perry first experienced the "buzz bomb": the lethal jet weapons which were being perfected by the Nazis and launched from the shores of France. From Southampton, the battalion was ordered to London to take charge of all policing and security of American installations in the English capital. The colonel in charge of the battalion was ordered to France (the D-Day invasion having now taken place), and Captain Perry was promoted to the rank of major and placed in command of the battalion. He was subsequently given full responsibility as Provost Marshal of the City of London. He thus recounts the trying days in the besieged city:

The first day we arrived in London was the second worst day of the V-1's. It was terrific. Later we paid little attention to them as they roared overhead. As long as they roared we felt little concern, but once they started sputtering we dived for cover. But the V-2's were something

else. You didn't know where they were until they hit. They came in at 1500 miles an hour—faster than sound. A V-2 hitting a half-mile away sounded worse than lightning striking twenty yards away. Two of these bombs burst directly over our heads before they struck ground. Another struck a few blocks from our headquarters. I have a portion of that one as a souvenir. One of my best friends was seriously wounded by that bomb.

The second World War ended, Major Perry was discharged at Fort Custer, Michigan, and returned to Charles Town. He immediately afterwards took the competitive examination for the Charles Town Post Office, and secured appointment as postmaster. He has served in that public office from March 28, 1946 to the present time. He is a member of the National Association of Postmasters, and of the National League of District Postmasters.

Recognizing him as a veteran whose army record was exceptional, his local post of the American Legion has twice elected Mr. Perry its commander. He is also a member, and past vice-president, of the Reserve Officers Association. Locally, he is identified with the Kiwanis, and with the lodge of the Loyal Order of Moose; and he is a director of the Charles Town Horse Show Association. Mr. Perry counts cave exploration as one of his hobbies, and he is a life member of the Speleological Association of America. Other hobbies in which Mr. Perry is vitally interested are the study of the history of Maryland and Virginia, and the collection of maps and historical volumes relating to this subject. This collection has grown to truly significant proportions in recent years. In an earlier period of his life, Mr. Perry was a philatelist. He is a communicant of the Episcopal Church of Charles Town.

Thornton Tayloe Perry was married in 1914, and he is the father of two children: 1. Eleanor Craighill, who received her education in Charles Town High School, in Washington, D. C., and in Switzerland. She is now employed in Washington. 2. Major Thornton Tayloe, III. On completion of his secondary schooling in Charles Town, he attended the University of Virginia, from which he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He took postgraduate studies at the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota, after which he entered the United States Army and was assigned to the Medical Corps. Major Perry was a member of the American commission of doctors to study the effects of the atomic bomb on the people of the devastated cities of Japan. On

being discharged recently from the Medical Corps, he took up the practice of his profession in Washington, D. C. He is married to Camille Chaumpeps.

WILLIAM PRICE CRAIGHILL PERRY —

Long active in business, civic and social affairs in Charles Town, West Virginia, William Price Craighill Perry has been associated with such leading industries as the Du Pont Powder Company, in Hopewell, Virginia, and the Owens Illinois Glass Company of Fairmont, West Virginia.

Mr. Perry was born February 25, 1895, in Charles Town, West Virginia, son of Edward Tayloe and Eleanor (Craighill) Perry. His paternal grandfather was the late Captain Roger Johns Perry, of the United States Navy, long a resident of Cumberland, Maryland; and on the maternal side of the house, his grandfather was the late General William Price Craighill.

William Price Craighill Perry spent his boyhood years in Charles Town, where his family lived in South Mildred Street, and he attended kindergarten and elementary school, conducted by the late Judith Sublett on what is now known as the Andrews' property in South Samuel Street. Later he attended the graded school on the site of the present Ranson post office. The Ranson district was then known as "The Boom." Among Mr. Perry's teachers were such distinguished personalities as Mary Campbell, Lallie Craighill and Wright Denny. In those days a graded school ordinarily continued through the eighth or ninth grade from which a student went directly to college. Athletic events were few or non-existent, and the pupils usually carried their own lunches to school. Later Mr. Perry attended the Woodberry Forest School, of Orange, Virginia, but after a year there he transferred to Shenandoah Valley Academy in Winchester, where he was graduated in 1913. Through Senator C. W. Watson of Fairmont, he won an appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, where he remained for only one year, being compelled to leave because of poor eye sight. He then became a student at the University of Virginia, where he acquired memberships in the Delta Phi fraternity and the Skull and Keys Ribbon Society. At the university he also ran on the cross country team and the track team.

His first employment was with the Du Pont Powder Company in Hopewell. Shortly after Mr. Perry began his work there the United States entered World War I. His responsibilities quickly

multiplied, centering mainly in what was known as the "nitric acid area" of the plant. One of more than 17,000 men doing construction work with that company, he lived with the others in bunk houses which resembled military barracks and ate his meals in big mess halls. One of his important assignments was as "boss material chaser" in his area—a promotion which he gained because of his immediate knowledge of the gigantic Du Pont operation. Some of the work involved trading with other areas.

Wishing to participate actively in that conflict, Mr. Perry enlisted in the armed forces, rising from private to second lieutenant in the army and completing his service as a member of the 363rd Machine Gun Battalion, Ninety-sixth Division. After the war, he lived in New Orleans and Bogalusa, Louisiana, where he sold tractors to plantation owners. It was in 1921 that he entered the employ of the Owens Illinois Glass Company in Fairmont and remained until 1937, except for a three-year period in the late twenties, when he was in Baltimore as assistant manager of a firm of distributors of the Graham-Paige automobile. When the depression put that firm out of business, Mr. Perry returned to Fairmont and resumed his connection with the Owen Illinois Glass Company. With that organization, he was mainly concerned with operating the bonus and budget systems, becoming supervisor of that work in the office and plant.

Returning to Charles Town in 1937, Mr. Perry became associated with Dan Yowell in the automotive industry. He also assisted his uncle, Thornton T. Perry in the management of his farms and other interests. One of William Price Craighill Perry's interests in Charles Town has been the Charles Town Jockey Club, Inc., of which he is treasurer, having assumed this office in 1939.

From an early period Mr. Perry has been interested in Democratic politics. Between 1943 and 1946, he served in the State Senate and he was elected to the 1949-1950 session of the House of Delegates. During World War II he was connected with the Office of Civilian Defense. He is also a past president of the Charles Town Hospital Board. In the American Legion he is a past commander of Jackson Perks Post, No. 71, and he also belongs to the Sons of Confederate Veterans. He is a member of the Kiwanis Club, the Loyal Order of Moose and the Zion Episcopal Church (in which he is a vestryman). While living in Fairmont, he was president of the Fairmont Tennis Club and played with a team that travelled

throughout the western part of Virginia, mainly to play clubs and country club teams.

William Price Craighill Perry married in October, 1922, Mary Duffield Shutt. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Mary Craighill, who attended Charles Town High School and Virginia Polytechnic Institute, then became the wife of Glen D. Smith, of Schenectady, New York, and the mother of their two sons, Glen D. Smith, Jr., and Price Perry Smith. 2. William Price Craighill, Jr., who attended Charles Town High School and The Citadel, in Charlestown, South Carolina, then served overseas with the Ninety-fourth Division in the European Theater of Operations during World War II; he was honorably discharged as a corporal in 1946. 3. Roger Johns, who attended Randolph-Macon Academy at Front Royal, Virginia, then entered Washington and Lee University.

KING THOMAS LARKIN—For many years active in newspaper work, King Thomas Larkin has more recently devoted himself to fraternal affairs, centering his undertakings in Martinsburg. Here he has served sixteen years as secretary of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and is a past district deputy grand exalted ruler of the order.

Mr. Larkin was born July 26, 1897, in Brunswick, Maryland, son of Edward M. and Nora C. (O'Connor) Larkin. His father died in 1898, and his mother passed away in 1916.

King Thomas Larkin attended St. Joseph's School, where he was graduated in 1915. Even during his school years he had been a part-time sports writer with the Martinsburg "World," and in 1915, upon completing his academic studies, he became a full-time reporter on the same paper. Later he was associated with the Martinsburg "Journal" and also became a correspondent for the Baltimore "Sun" and the Philadelphia "Inquirer," continuing his local newspaper and out-of-town correspondence work until 1933, when he was elected secretary of the Martinsburg Elks. His first writing was in the field of sports, which was a subject of his journalistic efforts even in school days. With both the "World" and the "Journal" his work was still in sports writing. He was one the first official sports writers for the old Tri-City League in this area of West Virginia, and also for its successor, the Blue Ridge League.

From an early period Mr. Larkin had been a staunch Democrat. In 1941 he was named a justice

of the peace in the Martinsburg district after the Berkeley County Court found that the elected candidate could not qualify. In 1942 he was duly elected by the people to fill an unexpired term for two years. In 1944 he was re-elected, carrying every precinct except one in the City of Martinsburg and going into office by a wide margin of votes. In the remaining precinct he was defeated by only one vote. Never content with resting on his laurels, he extended and improved the service of the office and was re-elected again in 1948 by a landslide vote which placed him in the position for another four years. In the 1948 balloting he carried every precinct by a wide margin.

In addition to his work as justice of the peace, Mr. Larkin keeps up his interest in sports, and particularly maintains his interest in Elksdom. Both the Elks' lodge and baseball are dear to him. He is an authority on the old Blue Ridge and Tri-City leagues. He attributes his original interest in the game to the fact that his favorite cousin was a baseball player when Mr. Larkin himself was a child. He came to be known among the boys of his acquaintance by the nickname of "Nimmy," a designation which is still applied to him, although most people do not know its source. As a boy he played considerable baseball and some basketball. He was a member of the old Martinsburg "Sluggers," other players on which team included Raymond Circkey, Elmer Clemmons, George Folk, Edgar Riordan, B. M. Krause and Richard Hyde. Mr. Hyde later became executive secretary of the West Virginia State Education Association.

Mr. Larkin is also a member of the Holy Name Society of St. Joseph's Catholic Church and is active in Catholic affairs. He belongs to the Lions' Club in Martinsburg and the Knights of Columbus, and for some years he has been a member of the West Virginia Minor Judiciary Association. He resides with his aunt, Miss Kate O'Connor, at No. 104 South Maple Avenue, in Martinsburg.

MAX O. OATES, M.D.—Extensively engaged in a practice of medicine in Martinsburg, West Virginia, Dr. Max O. Oates has been chief surgeon of the City Hospital here since 1936. He is widely known as one of the state's leading surgeons.

Dr. Oates was born March 6, 1901, at Capon Bridge, West Virginia, son of Dr. Theodore Kessel and Altha (Oglesby) Oates. His father, a physician and pioneer hospital builder in the Martinsburg district, was born in 1869, near Capon Bridge, and after completing his public school

studies, entered Shenandoah Normal College, then became a student at the University of Maryland, where he was graduated as a Doctor of Medicine in 1896. The elder Dr. Oates practiced for eight years at Capon Bridge, then took up surgery at the New York Post Graduate Medical School, and practical surgery experience at Polyclinic Hospital, New York, under the direction of Dr. Dawborn. He came to Martinsburg in 1904. In that same year he purchased the first property on which the City Hospital was later built. The actual name, "City Hospital," was suggested by Dr. Minghini and construction was underway in 1905 on the twelve-room, three-story building, which today comprises the nucleus of the hospital. The concrete blocks of this building were manufactured locally, and elevated into position by horse power. The second unit was started in 1909, and the hospital was incorporated on January 7, that year. The third hospital unit, of brick construction and four-stories in height, was started in 1926. The elder Dr. Oates performed the first abdominal operation in this part of West Virginia in 1905, while the first hospital unit was being built. It was performed on a kitchen table at the patient's home, and instruments were sterilized by boiling them on an ordinary cook-stove. For a second operation in Martinsburg, Dr. Oates introduced an operating table into that patient's home. Dr. Oates himself was the hospital's forty-second patient, having his appendix removed on December 25, 1907, by Dr. Bruin, of Strasburg, his classmate in medical school. Throughout his active career, Dr. Oates was a constant contributor in a variety of ways to the health and betterment of the Martinsburg community and he continues today in retirement his deep interest in the City Hospital and its work. Dr. Theodore K. Oates married, in 1898, Altha Oglesby, who was his constant inspiration and helpmate in work and life.

Their son, Dr. Max O. Oates, attended Martinsburg schools through the high school grades, and for his college and professional training studied at Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1925 and that of Doctor of Medicine in 1929. In 1929 and 1930 he served an internship in surgery at Johns Hopkins Hospital, then became assistant resident physician at Duke University Hospital in 1930. For five years he continued his work at Duke, meanwhile becoming an instructor in pathology at the Duke University Medical School in 1932. From 1934 to

1936 he was instructor in surgery in the same institution of learning. He was made chief resident surgeon of Duke University Hospital in 1936. Later in the same year he came to the Martinsburg City Hospital, which his father had founded, becoming chief surgeon.

The City Hospital has grown and extended its usefulness under his direction as chief surgeon, and Dr. Max O. Oates has ably followed in his father's footsteps as chief surgeon and director of the institution, which the elder Dr. Oates operated for forty-five years as chief surgeon. Connected with the City Hospital today is the fine Training School. The combined City Hospital and Training School were originally capitalized on January 7, 1909, at \$25,000, the capital stock consisting of 2500 shares at a par value of \$10 each. The original incorporators were Dr. Theodore K. Oates, Dr. G. B. Hedges, W. R. Caskey, J. Frank Thompson, and Dr. Minghini. On March 12 of the first incorporated year all real estate acquired for the institution was transferred by Dr. and Mrs. Oates to the corporation. The first superintendent of nurses was Martha J. Silver, a graduate of the Johns Hopkins School of Nursing. Later in 1909 the Agnes Clohan property on Maple Avenue, adjoining the hospital, was acquired by the corporation, and on it the second unit was built. The frame dwelling on the property was moved and renovated to provide the headquarters of the City Hospital Nurses' Home. Subsequently gifts of property over a period of years provided the means for further expansion, and to handle the business details involved, the hospital organized a "Board of Trustees of the City Hospital, Inc.," on October 31, 1939, with a membership of five incorporators. The hospital today is a flourishing institution—a non-stock, non-profit organization, owned by a board whose members serve without compensation. Board members are representative of the business and professional men of the community, and their policy is to keep the hospital open to rich and poor alike, inviting reputable physicians and surgeons to make use of its facilities. Earned funds are reinvested for expansion purposes, and the hospital has rendered hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of free service to persons not able to pay. Further building program is under advisement.

The chief surgeon, Dr. Max O. Oates, is active in Shenandoah Valley medical affairs, wholly aside from the City Hospital. He belongs to the Eastern Panhandle Medical Society, of which he is president, and also holds memberships in the



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West Virginia State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He belongs to the exclusive Pithotom Club and the Kappa Sigma fraternity. A Democrat in politics, he is a member of the Berkeley County Board of Education. He is a member of Trinity Methodist Church.

Dr. Max O. Oates married, January 2, 1942, in Frederick, Maryland, Evelyn S. Shinp, daughter of Charles and Margaret Shinp. They became the parents of three children: 1. Max O., Jr., born December 4, 1944. 2. Theodore Kensel, born December 11, 1945. 3. Mary Elizabeth, born December 18, 1947.

JOHN IMRIE BOWMAN—For generations the Bowman family has been connected with the bakery business in Roanoke and the surrounding territory of the Shenandoah Valley. One of the present representatives of the family is John Imrie Bowman, who serves as manager and partner of Bowman's Bakery, operating a modern wholesale bakery with a fleet of eighteen trucks to make deliveries over a wide area.

Mr. Bowman was born in Roanoke, Virginia, on September 27, 1896, son of Fergus and Euphemia Bowman. His father, who is now deceased, was a former partner, as well as manager, of Bowman's Bakery, which was established in 1888 by John Imrie Bowman's grandfather, Alexander Bowman, and uncle, James Bowman.

John Imrie Bowman attended Roanoke elementary schools and was graduated from Jefferson High School. He learned his profession at the American Institute of Baking, and at an early period in his career entered the family baking business. This firm is one of the oldest of its kind in this region of the South. It was originally known as A. Bowman and Son. A new partnership, formed in 1901 after the death of Alexander Bowman, consisted of James Bowman, Fergus Bowman, David Bowman and Charles H. Bowman. The firm name was changed to Bowman's Bakery in 1945. At the time of writing, John I. Bowman, Nancy G. Bowman, Alexander Bowman, Fergus Bowman, Jr., and James R. Bowman make up the partnership. John I. Bowman has rendered his own distinctive contribution to the conduct of the firm in recent times, doing much to bring its policies and methods up to date. He is past president of Virginia Bakers Council; a member of the Potomac States Bakers Association; the American Bakers Association; and the Quality Bakers of America.

Mr. Bowman plays an active part in the civic and social life of his community. During World War I, Mr. Bowman served in the Navy. He is a member of the Lions' Club, and served as president of this organization in 1949 and 1950. He also holds membership in the Roanoke Country Club and the Shenandoah Club. He is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he is a member of many bodies, including the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He also belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a member of the United Commercial Travelers. He attends the First Presbyterian Church of Roanoke.

John Imrie Bowman married, July 3, 1917, in Lexington, North Carolina, Nancy G. Greer, daughter of John F. and Lillian J. Greer. They became the parents of one child, John Imrie Bowman, Jr., born October 9, 1930, at Roanoke, Virginia. He attended Jefferson High School two years; Woodbury Forrest, where he was a member of the class of 1949; and is now a member of the class of 1956, Washington and Lee College.

CARL LEONARD WELLINGER — Mr. Wellinger was born May 25, 1891, in Martinsburg, West Virginia, son of Carl G. and Rachael (Fisher) Wellinger. He attended Martinsburg schools through the high school grades and later studied at the Martinsburg Business College. About 1913 he became associated with the Interwoven Stocking Company, in Martinsburg, continuing with them for a decade. Then, in 1922, he established Wellinger's One Stop Market, which is situated at No. 248 East Burke Street—a modern super-market of which he was the head until his death. He took a lively interest in Martinsburg affairs, and was elected mayor of this community for the 1948-50 term.

His service to Martinsburg was noteworthy. In politics he was a staunch Democrat, and was chairman of the Martinsburg Democratic Committee at the time of his death. Elected mayor in 1948, he began his service in this office on July 1, that year. For six years he was president of Hose Company No. 4, in the local fire department. He was a member of the Tri-County Grocers' Association, the Community Food Market and the Travelers' Protective Association, which he had served as president in both city and state. He was a member of the Loyal Order of Moose and the Free and Accepted Masons. In the Masonic order he was a past master of Bob White Lodge

No. 67, a past high priest of Lebanon Chapter No. 2 of Royal Arch Masons and a member of the Council of Royal and Select Masters, the Knights Templar Commandery, Osiris Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of Wheeling and he held the thirty-second degree of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. He was a member of Christ Reformed Church.

Carl Leonard Wellinger married, February 24, 1922, in Berryville, Virginia, Stella A. Trenary, daughter of A. B. Trenary, born in Martinsburg, Virginia.

Mr. Wellinger died at Martinsburg, West Virginia, October 10, 1949. He will be greatly missed in his community and in the State.

WILLIAM HAROLD FLANAGAN, D.D.S.—

Carrying on an extensive practice of dentistry in Martinsburg, Dr. William Harold Flanagan is one of this community's leading professional men. His accomplishments have been many-sided and constructive, and he has gained wide respect and admiration among his fellow citizens.

Dr. Flanagan was born April 27, 1901, in Ritchie County, West Virginia, son of William Alfred and Elizabeth (Latham) Flanagan. His father died in 1943, and his mother passed away in 1947.

Schools of his native West Virginia district provided Dr. William H. Flanagan's early formal education. After completion of his studies at Buckhannon High School, he entered West Virginia Wesleyan College, then had his professional preparation at the University of Pittsburgh, where he received the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery in 1925. He played both basketball and football in his school and college years, and was halfback on the "Panthers" of the University of Pittsburgh, and also played professional football as halfback with the Pottsville, Pennsylvania, "Maroons." When the time came for Dr. Flanagan to begin his professional work, he chose Martinsburg as his field of operations. Establishing his office here in 1926, he continued his practice of dentistry down to the time of writing, serving an ever-growing clientele.

Along with his professional activities, Dr. Flanagan has a variety of interests, which include farming and outdoor life. He owns a farm in Jefferson County, West Virginia, a property of 371 acres, on which he raises beef cattle. Dr. Flanagan is connected with a number of organizations. He started the Izaak Walton League in the Martinsburg area, and he belongs to the

American Dental Association, the Psi Omega and Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternities, the honorary Omicron Delta Kappa Society of the University of Pittsburgh, the Opequon Golf Club and the Baptist Church.

Dr. William Harold Flanagan married, February 25, 1926, Ruth Johnson, daughter of Dr. O. K. and May Johnson. Mrs. Flanagan belongs to the King's Daughter Circle, the Garden Club and the Opequon Golf Club.

AMOS BEHM SCOTT — Since 1922 Amos Behm Scott has been a prominent figure as a funeral director in Front Royal, Virginia, for much of the time operating under the name, Scott Funeral Home. He came to the city with experience that had been interrupted by military service for his country during World War I, and down through the years has been exceptionally active, not alone in business, but in community affairs.

Born at Port Republic, Virginia, on September 25, 1891, Amos Behm Scott is the son of William Lee and Cora (Behm) Scott, both of whom are deceased. His father died in 1932 and his mother passed away in 1949. After attending the Port Republic grammar and high schools, he was graduated from the Randolph-Macon Academy, with the class of 1912. Later he received a diploma from the Cincinnati College of Embalming, and in March, 1920, entered the employ of Martin W. Hysong, funeral director of Washington, D. C. But then came the entrance of the United States into World War I, and he served his country with the Forty-fifth Medical Corps until 1919, when he received his honorable discharge from the Armed Forces. He resumed his connection in Washington for a few months in 1919, and during parts of 1919-20 was associated with the Gawlers Funeral Home in the national capital city. He then joined L. T. Christians, in the practice of his profession at Richmond, Virginia.

In January, 1922, he established the Scott Funeral Home in Front Royal. In July he took a partner and the firm thereafter functioned as Scott and Stokes to October 1944. Since that year, when Mr. Scott purchased the interests of his associates, he has continued his excellent public services under his own name. The Scott Funeral Home is one of the best in this section of the Shenandoah Valley. The Home is attractive and completely furnished, both in regard to chapel services and every possible equipment of the modern type. Cadillac cars are at hand and, with

his assistant, Mr. Scott does everything to further and comfort his clients.

Amos Behm Scott is a member of the National Funeral Directors Association, the Virginia State Funeral Directors Association, and the Shenandoah Valley Funeral Directors Association. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Blue Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons, and the Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Modern Woodmen of America. He figures prominently in the Front Royal Lions Club, and belongs to the Giles Cook Post No. 53, of the American Legion, of which he is a Past Commander, Past Department Vice Commander, a Past District Commander, and is chairman of the State Safety Committee. He attends the Methodist Church and is actively identified with charitable and religious works.

On March 2, 1920, at Charleston, Virginia, Amos Behm Scott married Ola Duncan, of Front Royal, daughter of Joseph and Mary Duncan. Mr. and Mrs. Scott are the parents of a daughter: Barbara, who was born September 26, 1929, and is a graduate of Warren County High School. She married, October 1, 1949, Calvin Warren Turner, who was born September 15, 1928, son of Calvin Homer and Janie (Moore) Turner. Calvin Warren Turner is a graduate of Warren County High School and Eckels College of Mortuary Science, 1949, and is now associated with the Scott Funeral Home. During World War II, he served with the United States Army, 94th Quartermasters Corps at Ladd Field, Fairbanks, Alaska, and received his honorable discharge in 1946.

GEORGE McALLISTER HARRIS—After a most colorful career and becoming familiar with a large area of the United States, George McAllister Harris paid Front Royal, Virginia, a signal honor by choosing it as the ideal center for his hotel enterprise. After engaging in business and industrial activities in various states, he retired to a well earned leisure and extraordinarily extensive travels. But the wonders of the Shenandoah Valley so impressed him that he came to Front Royal, where at the northern entrance to the "Skyline Drive," he in recent years has built and developed the remarkable Skyline Motor Hotel, the Park Entrance Motor Court, and the beautiful Skyline Restaurant, all of which have steadily increased in popularity and repute.

George McAllister Harris is a native of Hernando, DeSoto County, Mississippi, son of George

E. and Harriett Seton (McAllister) Harris, his father an attorney, author of many law books, who practiced his profession in Mississippi and Washington, D. C., and served in the United States Congress as a member for many years from Mississippi. After attending local schools, in Washington, Mr. Harris entered the University of Maryland, where he was graduated with the degree of Civil Engineer, and then attended Columbia (later George Washington) University, Washington, D. C., and was graduated a Bachelor of Laws. It was as a civil engineer that he began his adventurous career. As an employee of the United States Government he went to Whitehorse and Fairbanks, Alaska, to aid in clearing up the claims difficulties growing out of gold strikes in the Territory. There followed more than a quarter of a century, during which he operated hotels in Goldfield and Manhattan, Nevada, Wyoming Hot Springs, Milwaukee and Green Bay, Wisconsin, and Duluth, Minnesota. Petroleum engaged his next interest when he owned fifteen producing oil wells in Texas.

Mr. Harris turned to the South for a less strenuous life and more time to enjoy things for which he previously had not had the time. Purchasing the Colony Inn, on the highway between Richmond and Petersburg, Virginia, he operated this Inn, and at the same time engaged in cattle and sheep raising. Ultimately he decided to rid himself of all active business responsibilities and to see the world, especially parts of the United States that he had not yet visited. He twice has gone around the globe. He has covered over thirty-two thousand miles of the Nation, seeing what Maine to California and Washington to Florida had to enjoy. Everywhere he studied hotel enterprises and management. He realized two things, at least, through his journeys: First, that he did not want to retire; second, Front Royal was his choice of all the locations in which he would like to engage once more in the hotel trade. Acquiring some twenty acres on the south side of the city, in 1946 he began the development of the group of public services catering to the traveling public, that comprise the Skyline Motor Hotel, the Park Entrance Motor Court, and the Skyline Restaurant. Each is based on his long experience both as an operator of, and guest at a thousand hotels all over the country. Only the most modern of ideas of structural architecture have been utilized, and each house is completely equipped for the specialized services it offers. Nothing that could be asked of a hotel is lacking in the group of

buildings known as the Skyline Motor Hotel. The "Annex" or Park Entrance Motor Court, with its own type of buildings, is the center of an immense parking space for automobiles. The Skyline Restaurant is widely known as "the most beautiful restaurant in Virginia." The famous "Circle" room with its thirty-one picture windows is a most unusual dining room. Furnished in a colorful modernistic style and commanding a breath-taking view of the surrounding mountains the dining room is shaped like a giant semi-circle. The host, owner and manager, George McAllister Harris, is a greatly admired personage in the eyes and hearts of the traveling public. In personal connections, he is a member of the American Automobile Association, Duncan Hines and Quality Courts, and is affiliated with the Rotary Club and the Chamber of Commerce of Front Royal. He attends the Episcopal Church.

George McAllister Harris married Gertrude Brack, of Milwaukee, where she was prominent as an executive buyer of the city's main department stores.

ELMER RAY McCONCHIE—Extensively engaged in the baking business at Front Royal, Virginia, Elmer Ray McConchie is a partner in the Royal Baking Company, in this community. He has been closely associated with Carlton Maxwell Childress (q.v.) in the operation of this business. Their plant is modernly equipped for a complete wholesale and retail service within a wide area around Front Royal.

Mr. McConchie was born February 16, 1902, in Culpeper, Virginia, son of Philip Marwin and Mary Norma McConchie. His father is now retired from his active endeavors. The mother died in 1948.

Culpeper County schools provided Elmer Ray McConchie's early education through the high school grades, and in 1919, after leaving school, he was engaged in farming operations and conducted a sawmill on the family farm in Culpeper County. Later in the same year he became connected with the Remington Baking Company at Remington, Virginia, where he continued through 1919 and part of 1920. He then became associated with other bakeries, learning the business in a practical way and in all its aspects, and so continued until 1935. It was in that year that he joined Carlton Maxwell Childress in founding the Royal Baking Company. Its first location was at No. 7 Crescent Street, which was the site of the old Baptist church. They continued there until

1948, when they completed their present building, a two-story structure in Chester Street. The equipment is thoroughly up-to-date in every way and the Royal Baking Company operates five trucks which cover a territory within fifty miles of Front Royal. The company employs thirteen workers.

Taking a broad general interest in Front Royal affairs, Mr. McConchie is a member of the Bakers' Council of Virginia. He is also a director of the Front Royal Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the Lions' Club and a Democrat in his political affiliation. He is a member of the Methodist Church.

Elmer Ray McConchie married, in April, 1925, in Warrenton, Virginia, Louise Hunter Smith, daughter of William Franklin and Mamie Smith. They became the parents of one daughter, Jo Anne McConchie, born November 23, 1932, a member of the class of 1950 at Warren County High School.

VITO JOSEPH MALTA, D.O.—Carrying on a practice of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery in Front Royal, Dr. Vito Joseph Malta is one of the community's leading professional men.

Dr. Malta was born October 15, 1920, at Asbury Park, New Jersey, son of Vito and Catharine (Lavini) Malta. His father served during World War I as a bugler in the Army, 311th Infantry Regiment, 79th Division, serving in France in the Meuse-Argonne area and other parts of the French sector until honorably discharged in 1919. He is a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion.

Vito Joseph Malta attended schools at Asbury Park, his New Jersey birthplace, and was graduated from high school there in 1938, receiving the Edwin Post Cup for highest honors in Latin. He then entered St. Joseph's College, in Philadelphia, where he received the Bachelor of Science degree in 1942, and became a member of the Physics Club and the Chemists' Club. He spent two years at the school of medicine at Oglethorpe University, in Atlanta, Georgia, and two years at the Kirksville College of Osteopathy and Surgery, in Kirksville, Missouri, where he served as assistant in the department of anatomy. The last two years were completed at Kansas City College from which he received his degree of Doctor of Osteopathy in May, 1947. From that time until November, 1948, he served as an interne and resident physician at Los Angeles General Hospital, Los Angeles, California. It was in January, 1949, that Dr. Malta



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came to Front Royal, Virginia, and began his practice of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery in this city.

In addition to his own practice, Dr. Malta is actively interested in the general affairs of his profession. He is a member of the Virginia State Osteopathic Association and the American Osteopathic Association, is a Democrat in his political views, and belongs to the Front Royal Chamber of Commerce, the Iota Tau Sigma fraternity, and Psi Sigma Alpha, the national scholastic honor society, having served as president of its Beta Chapter. He is of the Roman Catholic faith.

Dr. Vito Joseph Malta married in June, 1945, at Kansas City, Missouri, Elizabeth Ward, of Watkinsville, Georgia, daughter of Roy T. Ward. Mrs. Malta is a descendant of the original settlers in the State of Georgia.

CARLTON MAXWELL CHILDRESS — As a member of the Royal Baking Company, in Front Royal, Carlton Maxwell Childress has figured prominently in the business life of Shenandoah Valley. He and his partner, Elmer Ray McConchie (q.v.), have built up this bakery from a modest beginning to its present proportions, achieving their leadership after a continuing struggle through the initial years.

Mr. Childress was born December 6, 1906, at Mine Run, Virginia, son of Robinson Clayton and Mary Catharine (Harris) Childress. His mother died in 1943.

Public schools at Mine Run provided Carlton Maxwell Childress' early education, and after leaving school he was engaged in farming on the home farm of his family for a time. He was then employed by numerous bakeries, with which he learned the business in all its details. In Orange, Virginia, he formed an association with the McConchie Bakery. In 1935 he joined with Mr. McConchie to establish the Royal Baking Company in Front Royal. The two men continue as partners down to the time of writing. They started their enterprise at No. 7 Crescent Street on this side of the old Baptist church, and continued there until their removal to their present quarters in Chester Street in 1948. To Virginians who know these partners and their achievement, the growth of the bakery from its original state to its present position, housed as it is in a modern two-story building and equipped with all the latest machinery, is little short of miraculous. They are engaged in the wholesale and retail

branches of the trade, employing thirteen people and delivering their products in an area within a fifty-mile radius of Front Royal by means of their fleet of five trucks.

In addition to his work with the Royal Baking Company, Mr. Childress is a Democrat in his political views, and takes a lively interest in local affairs. He is a member of the Lions' Club and of the Baptist Church.

Carlton Maxwell Childress married, February 22, 1936, in Warrenton, Virginia, Hazel Smith, of Orange, Virginia, daughter of William Franklin and Mamie Smith. They became the parents of a son, Carlton Maxwell Childress, Jr., born March 2, 1941.

ROBERT PRESTON RODES—The son of a farmer, Charles Preston Rodes of Rockbridge County has himself followed agriculture through the years and is today a power not only in the farming world but in the distributive phases of the food industry. He owns and operates the Green Valley Dairy outside Lexington, growing crops as well as producing and distributing dairy products, and also the Peoples Super-Market in Lexington and Rodes Grocery in Lexington.

His father is Charles Preston Rodes and his mother Mattie (Lincoln) Rodes, and he was born in Rockbridge County on December 4, 1904. Mr. Rodes is what has long been called a self-made man. He started farming in his boyhood and between times attended the grade schools at nearby Lexington. In 1932 he launched the Green Valley Dairy with twelve cows. Today he has sixty cows. In 1948 he added a cinder-block barn in which he installed the most modern milking devices and other equipment. The entire farm, which consists of three hundred acres, is of such beauty and efficiency as to attract the attention of Shenandoah Valley residents and tourists. His crop and grazing lands are also of high quality. In October, 1946, Mr. Rodes founded the Peoples Super-Market and on January 20, 1948, he opened the Rodes Grocery. These are now among the leading establishments at the county seat. Mr. Rodes has achieved such leadership in his industry as to have been called into the public service as a member of the Rockbridge County Milk Commission. He worships at the Timber Ridge Stone Church, which is of the Presbyterian faith.

On March 7, 1927, Mr. Rodes married Frances Straub, the daughter of Harry and Carlyle (Womeldorf) Straub. The marriage was performed at Hagerstown, Maryland. Mr. and Mrs.

Rodes are the parents of a daughter, Alene Odum Rodes, who was born on November 4, 1927. The Rodes address is Route 5, Lexington.

RUFUS EDWARD PURDUM—Associated for many years with the Norfolk and Western Railroad, Rufus Edward Purdum is agent for this road at Front Royal, as well as for the Railway Express. He has been one of Front Royal's leading citizens, serving since 1940 as mayor of the community.

Mr. Purdum was born May 29, 1888, at Appomattox, Virginia, son of Edward E. and Mattie E. (Walton) Purdum. His father was associated for forty-six years with the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad until his death in 1942.

Public schools of New Kent County, Virginia, provided Rufus Edward Purdum's early education and subsequently he had special studies with the La Salle Extension University. Determining upon a career in railroading, he formed his first connection with the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad in 1903, continuing there until 1904, when he became associated with McArthur Brothers, railroad contractors for the Virginia Railroad. He remained with them until 1907, then returned in 1908 to the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad. In 1912 he came to Front Royal and joined forces with the Norfolk and Western Railroad. Since April of that year he has been with that company, serving now as agent for both the Norfolk and Western and the Railway Express.

Along with his other activities, Mr. Purdum has taken a deep interest in Front Royal affairs. He is a Republican in his political views, and has the distinction of being one of the few mayors in the South who is a Republican. In 1940 he was first appointed to this office, afterwards being returned by popular ballot every two years down to the time of writing. During World War II he was a member of the draft board at Front Royal, as well as representative of the Norfolk and Western Railroad on the Transportation Board. Since November 10, 1903, he has been a member of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers. He is a member of the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce, the Front Royal Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club, and the Methodist Church.

Rufus Edward Purdum married, June 26, 1912, in Washington, D. C., Florence Shepherd, of Warwick County, Virginia, daughter of Thomas and Bertie R. Shepherd. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Walton Shepherd, born

in May, 1914, died at the age of three months. 2. Mary Louise, born December 5, 1915, attended Warren County High School and Front Royal Business College, became the wife of Charles Wyatt Paris, of Front Royal, and the mother of their children—i. Charles Wyatt Paris, Jr., born 1939. ii. Jane Winston Paris, born in 1943. 3. Rufus King Purdum, died May 3, 1927, at the age of nine years.

JOHN STANLEY COOLEY—One of the best known petroleum products distributors in the Shenandoah Valley in the Front Royal sector, John Stanley Cooley is one of those enterprising men who built to large proportions what started as a relatively small business. His success is based on a thoroughly broad knowledge of the oil and automobile trade gained in several different states. As a forward-looking citizen, he has identified himself with several community organizations and is affiliated actively with associations in his line of business.

John Stanley Cooley was born at Middletown, Virginia, October 23, 1902, son of James D. and Sally (Anderson) Cooley. He lost his mother in 1910; his father is living at the age of ninety years in 1950. Left motherless in childhood, to a large extent he had his own way to make in life without the aid of means or influential friends. After being graduated from the Middletown High School, he farmed on the family place until he was twenty years old. In 1922 he started out for himself and from 1922 to 1925 was employed by the Exide Battery Company in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. In 1926 he joined the forces of the Tidewater Oil Company, of Philadelphia, and until 1932 was associated with the corporation in Frederick, Maryland.

In 1932 Mr. Cooley, in a period of national financial depression, had the courage to launch his own oil business, at Winchester, Virginia, while he was in the employ of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. One truck was sufficient to carry his products to the destinations he served, at first, but with the years he was able to expand his trade and to devote his best energies entirely to it. After twelve years in 1944, seeking larger scope for his endeavors, he came to Front Royal, since when he has been the owner and operator of the J. S. Cooley Company, wholesale distributors of Esso products—gas, fuels, oils, kerosene, lubricating materials, and oil burners. He uses six trucks in his business over a broad territory within a radius of thirty miles; employs a number of

people and distributes above two million gallons annually. Mr. Cooley keeps in touch with colleagues and competitors by membership in the Virginia Oil Men's Association, the Virginia Jobbers Association, and the United Commercial Travelers. He figures popularly in the Kiwanis Club, is a director of the Chamber of Commerce, and attends the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is a Democrat in political affiliations, and lends his influence and energies to the promotion of civic interests of Front Royal.

FRANK ALFORD STOUTAMYER—In Front Royal, Frank Alford Stoutamyer is one of those rare contradictions of the dictum that "once a newspaperman always a newspaperman." While he may still enjoy the smell of printer's ink and the feel of the editor's chair, he has been for several years a partner in the firm of Stoutamyer and Kerfoot, dealers and distributors of petroleum products and coal. A native of Augusta County, Virginia, born on November 5, 1904, he is the son of Robert and Margaret (Baylor) Stoutamyer.

Frank Alford Stoutamyer was left motherless at the age of fourteen, and completed his formal education when he was graduated from the Waynesboro High School with the class of 1922. His first business connection of importance was with the Hildebrandt-Burnett Company, music publishers of Waynesboro. After little more than a year, he went with the "Warren Sentinel" of Front Royal, in 1924. He continued with this newspaper until 1939, serving in many capacities from compositor to editor. Down through these fifteen years he became exceptionally well known as a printer and journalist, familiar with all that goes on in a newspaper office and shop, from the chronicling of the news, editorial comment on current affairs, and the mechanical side of getting the paper in the hands of the public.

From 1939 to 1945, Mr. Stoutamyer owned and operated F. A. Stoutamyer, engaged in the printing business. In November, 1945, he established F. A. Stoutamyer, coal dealer. Since May, 1946, he has been a partner in Stoutamyer and Kerfoot, a steadily expanding and popular concern, dealers in "Sunoco" products—gas, fuel oil, lubricants. A service station is maintained in South Front Royal that is leased. Some half million gallons of petroleum products are distributed over a wide territory by a number of trucks. A large business in coal is also carried on.

Mr. Stoutamyer has been and is identified with many phases of Front Royal life. He has been

fire chief of the city for more than fifteen years. He has served on the City Council since 1944, his current term ending in 1952. For four years he was a member of the board of directors of the Warren Memorial Hospital, of which he is a former president. At times he was active in printing and journalistic organizations, but now confines his business connections to the Virginia Oil Men's Association and the Virginia Coal Merchants Association. He is influential in the Front Royal Chamber of Commerce, notably co-operative with community projects and groups, and his religious affiliations are with the Methodist Church, where he is chairman of the Board of Stewards for 1950.

At Front Royal, Virginia, on December 19, 1925, Frank Alford Stoutamyer married Mae Smith of this city, daughter of William and Frances Smith. Mr. and Mrs. Stoutamyer are the parents of four children: 1. John Alford, born June 21, 1927; a graduate of Warren County High School, and Randolph-Macon College, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, class of 1949; currently an instructor at Flint Hill School, in Rappahannock County. During World War II, he enlisted in the United States Navy and received his honorable discharge in August, 1946. 2. Joyce, born September 27, 1929; a graduate of Warren County High School, now an undergraduate at Mary Washington College, Fredericksburg, Virginia. 3. Joan, born October 2, 1931; a graduate of Warren County High School, class of 1949. 4. Julian Smith, born September 7, 1935, attending Warren County High School.

WILLIAM DOUGLAS BLANTON—One of the outstanding modern developments in Virginia merchandising is the Textile Finance Corporation of Richmond. It owns large stores in the State, each an independent unit operating under its own trade name, under a manager. William Douglas Blanton is the general manager, director and vice-president of the Front Royal unit, Weavers, Inc., the outstanding department store in this area of the Shenandoah Valley. Although a member of the younger group of business men in the city, he has nearly twenty years of experience in mercantile management, and has not long to go when he can look back on a decade of major achievements in Front Royal.

Born on June 9, 1912, at Blackstone, Virginia, William Douglas Blanton is the son of Samuel E. and Kathryn (Harrower) Blanton. His father passed away on December 7, 1947, after he had

the pleasure of seeing his son rise to prominence in business. After being graduated from the John Marshall High School of Richmond, Virginia, William Douglas Blanton spent two years of study at Hampden-Sydney College, Virginia. His college fraternity is Kappa Alpha. His first employment of note was with the Textile Finance Company, of Richmond, with which he has since been associated. The part this great organization plays in merchandising has been indicated; into it Mr. Blanton fits admirably. From 1932 to 1942 he was assistant manager of Davidson's, Inc., at Farmville, Virginia. Since 1942 he has been general manager, vice-president and a director of Weavers, Inc., on East Main Street, Front Royal. This notable department store in the Shenandoah Valley was established in the later years of the nineteenth century by the grandfather of William Weaver. Upon the death of the latter-named in 1942, the business was acquired by the Textile Finance Corporation of Richmond, and operated under the same trade name, with Mr. Blanton in command of its affairs. His acumen and executive qualities have not only furthered the growth of the business, but have won him high repute in the commercial circles of the Valley. With local projects and community activities he cooperates constructively. He is a member and a director and president, in 1950, of the Rotary Club, and is a member of the Chamber of Commerce. His religious affiliations are with the Baptist Church. During World War II, he was prominent in civilian efforts, notably as chairman of the War Price and Rationing Board of Warren County, and was the recipient of a Government Certificate of Award.

On January 2, 1934, at Oxford, North Carolina, William Douglas Blanton married Louie Morris of Farmville, Virginia, daughter of W. B. and Eura Morris. Mr. and Mrs. Blanton are the parents of three children: 1. William Douglas, Jr., born February 13, 1935. 2. Louie Morris, born November 7, 1939. 3. Alexander Gray, born May 21, 1947.

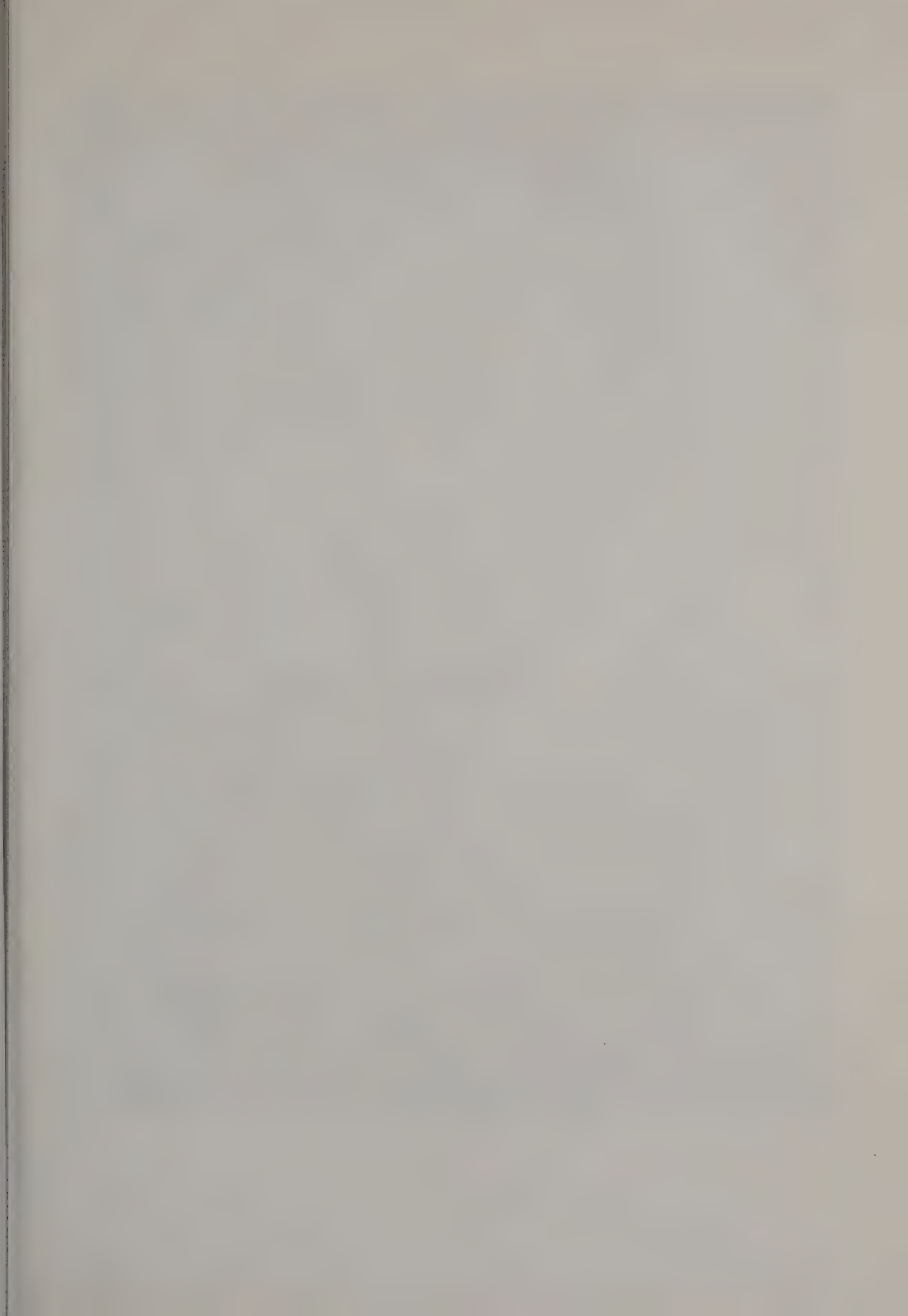
JAMES EVERETT WILL—To a career in the law, James Everett Will has devoted his abilities and energies in Luray, Virginia, since 1931, with exceptional success and notable reputation. He has engaged in numerous public activities, has long been prominent in politics and is highly regarded for his cooperation with civic and community organizations and projects.

A native Virginian, Mr. Will was born in 1894,

near Mount Clifton, Shenandoah County, son of William G. and Clarissa S. Will, both lifelong residents of the county. There is no better source material concerning the career of James Everett Will than that contained in a publication of 1936. Followed almost completely this record reads: As a boy, Mr. Will worked on his father's farm and for hire on the farms of his neighborhood during the summer, and attended public school during the winter. He was a student at Teachers' Normal at Luray, Virginia, in the year 1912. After teaching in the public schools of his native county for three years, he left that profession to attend Steward's Business College in Washington, D. C. After graduating from this institution, he accepted a position in the Department of State, in Washington, where he rendered conspicuous service, attracting the attention of the then Secretary of State, Robert Lansing, who complimented him for his highly efficient work and attentiveness to duty.

From early life, Mr. Will had an earnest desire to enter the legal profession, and notwithstanding his manifold duties in the Department of State, and the many seemingly insurmountable handicaps of being entirely upon his own resources, we find him entering the National University Law School, in Washington, where he attended night classes and was graduated with one of the highest general averages in his class of 1924. After obtaining his law degree and successfully passing the Virginia State Bar examination, in December, 1924, he was admitted to practice in this State.

Mr. Will performed valuable services in many of the different bureaus and divisions of the Department of State, and at the time of his graduation from Law School, was serving in the private office of Charles Evans Hughes, then Secretary of State, where he continued until the resignation of Mr. Hughes. At that time the American-Mexican Claims Commission was being organized for the settlement of all claims between the United States and Mexico, which arose during the troublesome periods of revolution in that country. The American Agent before that Commission was Colonel Henry W. Anderson, of Richmond, Virginia. Because of young Will's knowledge of international affairs, gained by a long service in the Department of State, he resigned from that Department to accept the position as attorney for the United States Government on the legal staff of Colonel Anderson before that Commission, where he served for a period of seven years. In this capacity, Mr. Will successfully prosecuted a





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number of important claims of American citizens against the Mexican Government. In that time, he was admitted to the Bar of the District of Columbia and maintained a private office in the City of Washington.

In 1931, Mr. Will left his Washington responsibilities to establish a law office in Luray, Virginia. He has been identified with many law cases in the courts of the county and State, and serves a large clientele as a private advisor in affairs legal and personal. He has been attorney for the Town of Luray since 1946, and is influential in Republican party councils and campaigns. In 1936 he was a candidate from the Seventh Congressional District of Virginia on the Republican ticket, but the tides of Democrat votes still ran strong in national politics. Mr. Will is a member of the Virginia State Bar Association, and fraternally is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is vice-president of the Luray Rotary Club, and is identified with many community projects. His religious affiliations are with the Methodist Episcopal Church.

At Washington, D. C., on June 8, 1914, James Everett Will married Edna C. Dellinger of Shenandoah County, Virginia, daughter of Luther F. and Clara Dellinger. Mr. and Mrs. Will are the parents of a son: Douglas Carlton, who was born June 6, 1918; a graduate of Luray High School, he attended Bridgewater College for two years before enlisting in the United States Navy Seabees, for World War II, serving in the South Pacific Theater of War at Guam. He was honorably discharged from the Navy in 1946. He married, June 6, 1941, Vera Helen Purvis, of Washington, D. C., and they have two children: i. Flora Dean, born May 28, 1942. ii. Douglas Carlton, Jr., born July 13, 1943. Mr. Will is currently associated with the North Virginia Power Company at Luray. He has been president of Luray Volunteer Fire Department for ten years.

NATHANIEL REID LEHMANN—As assistant vice-president of traffic, Nathaniel Reid Lehmann has effectively served the Norfolk and Western Railway Company. He maintains his office at the company's headquarters in Roanoke, and is also a resident of this city.

Mr. Lehmann was born September 13, 1895, in Glen Wilton, Virginia, son of Fred John and Mary (McKenney) Lehmann. His father, born June 26, 1862, in Baltimore, Maryland, was a hotel clerk and a painter until his death, July 2,

1908, which occurred in Staunton, Virginia. The mother, Mrs. Mary Cordelia (McKenney) Lehmann, was born October 28, 1874, in Alleghany County, Virginia.

Nathaniel Reid Lehmann attended public schools in Clifton Forge, Virginia. His first employment after leaving high school was as commissary clerk with the McKell Coal and Coke Company, in Oswald, West Virginia, where he remained from May to September, 1912. On October 1, that year, he entered the Norfolk and Western organization as record clerk in the office of the superintendent of car service. So continuing until July 31, 1915, Mr. Lehmann then became a clerical worker in the freight traffic department. His duties there, which included rate quotation, tariff compilation, rate adjustment and the work of traveling agent, lasted until January 31, 1927. Then, until June 30, 1937, he was chief clerk to the general coal freight agent, chief rate clerk, chief of divisions bureau, and, finally, commerce agent. On July 1, 1937, Mr. Lehmann was made assistant general freight agent, continuing in that capacity until November 30, 1940. From December 1 of that year until June 30, 1947, he was general coal freight agent, and from July 1, 1947, to December 31, 1948, he was assistant freight traffic manager. On January 1, 1949, he was appointed to his present post as assistant vice-president of traffic.

In addition to his work with the Norfolk and Western, Mr. Lehmann takes a lively interest in the affairs of Roanoke and vicinity. He is a Founder Member of the American Society of Traffic and Transportation. He is a member of the Executives' Club of Roanoke and Greene Memorial Methodist Church.

Nathaniel Reid Lehmann married, October 14, 1929, in Roanoke, Virginia, Thelma Jane Yost, born September 18, 1896, in Roanoke, daughter of John H. and Jane Irene (Broadwater) Yost. Her father was born February 13, 1867, in Garrett County, Maryland, and died May 8, 1916, in Roanoke, Virginia. Her mother was born August 25, 1869, in Garrett County, Maryland.

WALTER HANSBROUGH CARTER — Renowned and beautiful terminus of the equally famed and spectacular Skyline Drive of the Shenandoah National Park, Front Royal is a community which is not only the seat of Warren County and all that means but also the home of notable figures, men and women who have con-

tributed and are contributing to the advance of the Shenandoah Valley and the Old Dominion. Among these is Walter Hansbrough Carter, the wholesale distributor of Socony-Vacuum Oil Company products in four counties of the state and a citizen who has served his community as a city councilman. Mr. Carter is a partner in the oil firm of Riddleberger and Carter, of Front Royal.

He was born at Front Royal on October 16, 1915, the son of Walter Castleman Carter, who died in 1934, and Susan Elizabeth (Hansbrough) Carter. After attending public school for a period, Mr. Carter entered Randolph-Macon Academy in 1928. He remained there through 1930 and in 1931 and 1932 was at the Warren County High School in Front Royal. He completed his education at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, which in 1937 granted him the degree of Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. From 1937 to 1945 Mr. Carter operated a five-hundred acre farm in Warren County. An orchardist, he raised the kind of apples which have helped make the Shenandoah Valley famous throughout the United States. Also, he bred cattle. In 1945 he sold the farm to enter the oil business. At that time he and R. H. Riddleberger, Jr., formed the partnership now called Riddleberger and Carter, with headquarters on East Second Street, Front Royal. The firm, wholesale distributor for the Socony-Vacuum Oil Company, operates in Warren, Page, Shenandoah and Rappahannock counties, making deliveries with two trucks. It distributes about a million and one-half gallons of oil and gasoline annually. Mr. Carter is a recognized leader in the oil business in the valley. He is also a member of the board of directors of the Bank of Warren in Front Royal and from 1946 to 1948 served the community as a member of the Front Royal City Council. He is a member of the Virginia Oil Men's Association and the Rotary Club of Front Royal. He worships in the Methodist Church.

Mr. Carter married Caroline Phohl of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, in that city on June 22, 1940. Mrs. Carter is the daughter of William and Ruby Phohl. The Carters are the parents of two sons and a daughter—Walter Hansbrough Carter, Jr., who was born on March 20, 1941; Bruce Thomas Carter, born on March 28, 1944, and Caroline Elizabeth Carter, born on September 19, 1949. The family home is at 19 East Fourth Street, Front Royal.

ALTON WILLIAM MATHEWS—A true country store in the old style is that operated by Alton William Mathews at Bentonville. This is known as the A. W. Mathews Community Store and is as popular with visitors in the area as it is with the permanent residents. Mr. Mathews is not only a storekeeper. He is also well known as a farmer and livestock raiser and as the dealer and representative in this corner of the Shenandoah Valley for the West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company of Luke, Maryland. Mr. Mathews is one of the leaders in the Chamber of Commerce movement in Warren County and in all efforts to promote progress in the county.

Born at Bentonville on October 30, 1913, Alton William Mathews is the son of William J. and Julia I. (Hartley) Mathews. He began his education in grammar school at Bentonville and completed it in the Warren County High School at Front Royal, from which he was graduated in 1930. Mr. Mathews gained grocery experience working for the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company in Washington, D. C., from 1931 to 1933. In the next three years he was with the Civilian Conservation Corps, serving as a sergeant at Camp Harmony Hills, Virginia, and at Camp Richmond. In 1936, after he left the Corps, he established the now famed A. W. Mathews Community Store at Bentonville, which draws business from a large region. As the representative of the West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company, Mr. Mathews handles all that concern's business in the Bentonville area. He not only sells the firm's products but purchases for it pulpwood which he ships to Maryland by carload lots. In his civic work, he is a member of the board of directors of the Front Royal Chamber of Commerce and is the country representative in the chamber. He is also active in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of America. As farmer and livestock man Mr. Mathews maintains a herd of 150 cattle and 75 hogs. His farming activities cover from four hundred to five hundred acres. In religion a Baptist, he is a Republican in politics.

Mr. Mathews married Geraldine Lee Cullers of Bentonville, in Alexandria, on August 17, 1936. They have one daughter, Diana Sue Mathews, who was born in June, 1938. The family resides in Bentonville.

JOHN RECTOR FRIANT—Since March, 1948, John Rector Friant has been manager of the Berryville Lumber Company, in Berryville. His

contribution has been a substantial one, rich in its value to local people and institutions, and has been such as to place him in a position of leadership and distinction among his fellow citizens.

Mr. Friant was born December 3, 1919, at Cape Girardeau, Missouri, son of Julien N. and Bertha (Rector) Friant. His father, long a special assistant to the Hon. Henry Wallace when Mr. Wallace was Secretary of Agriculture, died October 27, 1939.

John Rector Friant attended the Capitol Page School, in Washington, D. C., in 1937, then entered Georgetown University, where he won a scholarship to Iowa State College. He was graduated from Georgetown as a Bachelor of Science in 1941, then from Iowa State in 1942. Between that time and 1946 he was in the service of his country in World War II. Entering the army as a member of the Signal Corps, he was in the southwest Pacific theatre of operations for two and one-half years, and was honorably discharged as a captain in April, 1946. From that year until 1948 he was connected with the Foreign Service Administration with the State Department of the United States Government, in Washington, D. C. It was in March of 1948, as indicated above, that Mr. Friant became connected with the Berryville Lumber Company. Formerly this company was known as the Phillips Lumber Company. It was established at the turn of the century, but in 1948 was purchased by a new organization, the present Berryville Lumber Company, Inc.

Along with his lumber trade interests, Mr. Friant concerns himself with the work of many local organizations. He is secretary of the Berryville Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Lions' Club. He belongs to Post No. 41 of the American Legion, Post No. 9760 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Pi Gamma Mu fraternity and the Catholic Church. He has taken a lively interest in Democratic politics in the Valley, and in the Boy Scouts of America is chairman of Troop No. 18.

John Rector Friant married, April 22, 1948, in Washington, D. C., Nancy Leachman, of Washington, D. C., daughter of William H. and Beatrice (Luke) Leachman. They became the parents of one daughter, Molly Pendleton Friant, born June 22, 1949.

CARROLL EDWARD FOLEY, M.D.—Specializing in eye, ear, nose and throat work in Front Royal, Dr. Carroll Edward Foley is one of this community's leading professional men. The medi-

cal profession has substantially benefited from his work in behalf of health in this region of the Shenandoah Valley.

Dr. Foley was born July 9, 1886, in Berryville, Virginia, son of Benjamin Franklin and Sara Jane (Rust) Foley. His father died in 1915; the mother in 1930.

Carroll Edward Foley attended Clark County schools through the high school grades, then studied at Virginia Medical Institute, in Richmond. In 1913 he was graduated from the University College of Medicine of Richmond, Virginia, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine, afterward taking post-graduate studies at Tulane University in 1922. He began his professional work as an interne at Shelton Ann Free Hospital, in Richmond, in 1913. In 1914 he began a private practice in Lovettsville, where he carried on operations for seven years. He then took sufficient time for post-graduate studies at Tulane University, after which, in 1923, he was at the New York Eye and Ear Hospital and Columbia University, in New York City. From 1924 he practiced in Washington, D. C., for more than a year, going to Raleigh, North Carolina, at the conclusion of that time, and forming an association there with Dr. M. R. Gibson. In August, 1927, he established his office at Front Royal, Virginia, here specializing since that time in eye, ear, nose and throat work. He is one of Front Royal's best-known physicians, and he is a member of the staff of Front Royal Hospital.

During World War I, Dr. Foley served in the Army Medical Corps, being stationed at the Base Hospital at Camp Reed for nine months, then at Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, D. C., until honorably discharged January 1, 1919, with the rank of first lieutenant. Dr. Foley is a member of the District of Columbia Ophthalmological Society, the Medical Society of Northern Virginia, the Virginia State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He is a Democrat in his political views, a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, and a leading figure in Protestant religious circles.

Dr. Carroll Edward Foley married, in December, 1914, in Richmond, Virginia, Charlotte Christian Woody, of Lynchburg, Virginia, who died March 30, 1948, daughter of William and Charlotte (Mauck) Woody. Dr. Foley married again, on October 12, 1950, Miss Frances Mae Yowell of Mitchells, Virginia.

BENJAMIN BELCHIC, of Winchester, has for some years been a prominent figure in the commercial affairs of that city, and three years ago he entered the merchandising field in his own right as partner in the Workingman's Store, an establishment dealing in general men's merchandise. He has entered fully into the life of his city, in its various aspects, and has a reputation for fair and able business management which has proved invaluable in his relationships with his fellows.

A native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Mr. Belchic is a son of Abraham and Rachael Belchic. He began his education in his native city, graduated from Philadelphia's Central High School, and thereafter entered the University of Pennsylvania, from which in 1929 he received the degree of Bachelor of Science in Economics, with a major in accounting.

Making his home in the Shenandoah Valley in the year of his graduation from the University of Pennsylvania, Mr. Belchic associated himself with the firm of Lovett Brothers. He remained until 1930, in which year he taught school in Frederick County, Virginia. Later the same year, Mr. Belchic became associated with the Novick Transfer Company, Inc., of Winchester, continuing with that firm until 1947 in the capacity of general manager. In the latter year, determined to enter business in his own name, he purchased a partnership interest in the Workingman's Store, which is located at 133 North Loudon Street in Winchester. The firm, engaged in the retailing of general merchandise for men, has operated profitably under his management.

Mr. Belchic is active in the Community Chest movement, and is chairman of the Recreation Council in his home city. He is a member of the Winchester Historical Society, now serving as its president, and also takes a vital interest in the program of the Boy Scouts of America. Locally, Mr. Belchic is identified with the Lions Club and the Fellowship Club. He is an independent in his politics, and of Hebrew faith.

At Winchester, Virginia, in June, 1941, Benjamin Belchic married Frances Louise Eutsler of Winchester, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Eutsler. Mrs. Belchic died in September, 1949. They were the parents of a daughter, Judith, born May 8, 1946. Mr. Belchic resides at 610 Tennyson Avenue in Winchester.

MIFFLIN BELSTERLING CLOWE, JR.—As partner in Clowe's Jewelry Store in Winchester, Mifflin Belsterling Clowe, Jr., bears a name which has long been known and highly regarded in Northern Virginia. His is the outstanding jewelry establishment in this area, and has been continuously under the management of the same family since 1876. Mr. Clowe is now serving as mayor of his city, having been elected in September, 1948, to hold office until 1952.

Son of Mifflin B., Sr., and Eugenia (Snapp) Clowe, Mifflin B. Clowe, Jr., was born in Winchester on January 16, 1917. He is a graduate of the Winchester High School, class of 1936. In that year he became associated with Clowe's Jewelry Store. He advanced rapidly in his understanding of the jewelry business, and assumed increasing responsibility. In October, 1946, he formed a partnership with his father in the management of the business.

The history of this firm goes back yet another generation to the grandfather of Mifflin B. Clowe, Jr., whose name was Henry Wyatt Clowe. The latter established a jewelry store in Winchester in 1876, which he operated under his own name. Upon his death, Mifflin B. Clowe, Sr., who had been associated with his father in business, formed a partnership with Mr. Denny, and for some years, until 1919, the firm bore the name of Clowe and Denny. In that year it became Clowe's Jewelry Store, as it has remained since. Its reputation among jewelers and among the general public alike is unequalled throughout this section of the state. It is headquarters for jewelry of the highest quality, and agent for Gorham silverware, diamonds, and watches, among other well-known names.

Certainly one of the youngest men to have been elected to the office of mayor of Winchester, Mifflin B. Clowe, Jr., became candidate for that office on the Democratic ticket in September, 1948, and received a vote truly indicative of the confidence he had won in commercial pursuits and as civic-minded citizen. He has served with distinction in this chief administrative office. Mr. Clowe has also been chairman of the public and local improvement committee.

He also has to his credit distinguished wartime service. During World War II, he held the rank of lieutenant in the 116th Infantry Regiment, 29th Division, Virginia National Guard, which was inducted into the federal service February 3, 1941. Serving in the European theater of operations, Mr. Clowe participated in the historic Normandy



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invasion of June, 1944, continued with his outfit through the battle of France, was wounded in action on two occasions, and received the Purple Heart with cluster. He advanced to the rank of major, which commission he held until relieved from active duty January 12, 1946.

Mr. Clowe is fraternally affiliated with the Blue Lodge and the Chapter of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. He is a member of the lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Lions Club of Winchester, and the Chamber of Commerce. As a veteran, he is a member of the following organizations: Veterans of Foreign Wars; Disabled American Veterans; the American Legion, Conrad Hoover Post No. 21, of which he is past commander; and the National Guard Association of the United States. In his religious affiliation, Mr. Clowe is a Methodist.

In Fredericksburg, Virginia, June 30, 1941, Mifflin B. Clowe, Jr., married Mary Elizabeth Beckwith, of that city, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hayes Beckwith. Mr. and Mrs. Clowe are the parents of a son, Mifflin Belsterling, 3rd, born March 14, 1947. They make their home at 516 South Stuart Street.

STARKE D. FERGUSON—Carrying on a private banking business under his own name, Starke D. Ferguson has won recognition as one of the business and financial leaders of Roanoke and this region of Virginia.

Mr. Ferguson was born April 17, 1863, in Franklin County, Virginia, son of John C. and Sally (Hatcher) Ferguson, both natives of Franklin County. His father was a farmer, who served in the Infantry forces of the Confederate Army during the War Between the States.

Public schools of Franklin County, Virginia, provided Starke D. Ferguson's early education, and at an early period he began his banking career. His first employment was with the Bank of Virginia, in Roanoke, beginning January 1, 1883. Carrying on that work until the following year, Mr. Ferguson established his own private banking business in 1884 in this city, where he has continuously centered his activities. His place of business is situated at No. 29 Kirk Avenue, West.

In addition to his activities in connection with his own business, Mr. Ferguson takes a lively interest in a number of community projects, including the Roanoke Country Club and the

Shenandoah Club. In politics he follows an independent course. During World War I, he served as Roanoke's Food Administrator.

Starke D. Ferguson married Cora Funkhouser, born in Staunton, Virginia. They became the parents of two children: 1. Mary Scott, born in Roanoke, now Mrs. Mary Scott (Ferguson) Taylor. 2. Milton W., born in Roanoke.

ANDREW JACKSON BOWEN, 3rd — Associated with the Northern Virginia Power Company throughout his career, Andrew Jackson Bowen, 3rd, has shown both excellent training and marked ability in the electrical field. Coming to Winchester in 1942, he was made manager of the plant there five years later, and also holds executive office in the Shenandoah Valley Manufacturers Association.

He is a native of Warren County, Virginia, and was born March 1, 1908, son of Andrew Jackson, 2nd, and Bessie L. (Simpson) Bowen. The Bowen family has long been resident in America, John and Rebecca, the earliest forebears of record, having come from England in 1666 and settled on the Rappahannock River. Andrew Jackson Bowen, 2nd, followed the occupation of farming in the state where his ancestors had so long lived. He died December 8, 1935, and Bessie L. (Simpson) Bowen on July 7, 1937.

Andrew Jackson Bowen, 3rd, began his education in the local schools, and graduated from Front Royal High School in the class of 1927. He then entered Coyne Electrical School in Chicago, Illinois, where he obtained his technical training, and from which he graduated in 1929.

In that year he associated himself with the Northern Virginia Power Company. Until 1933, he worked in various departments of the company, and familiarized himself with various aspects of its operations. He was promoted to local manager at Berryville, Virginia, in 1933, continuing in that capacity until 1937. From 1937 until 1940, he was at Piedmont, West Virginia, as manager of the Potomac Light and Power Company; in 1940 was transferred by the Potomac Light and Power Company as assistant district manager at Martinsburg, West Virginia. This position he held for two years.

On first locating at Winchester, Mr. Bowen was assistant district manager of the Northern Virginia Power Company's plant. He has been its manager since September, 1947.

Among the other important connections which Mr. Bowen holds locally are those of president of

the Shenandoah Valley Manufacturers Association, and director of the Apple Blossom Festival. He is past president of the Rotary Club of Winchester, and vice-president of the Chamber of Commerce. In his politics, Mr. Bowen is a Democrat. He is a member of the Methodist Church, and serves on its official board, of which he is vice-president. He has been elected to serve on the Executive Committee of Winchester Memorial Hospital.

On January 3, 1938, at Western Port, Maryland, Andrew Jackson Bowen, 3rd, married Consuelo Getty of that place. She is a daughter of Joseph P. and Minnie B. Getty. Mr. and Mrs. Bowen are the parents of three children: 1. Andrew Jackson, 4th, born November 19, 1938. 2. William Getty, born August 20, 1942. 3. Robert Berisford, born May 15, 1946. The family resides on Valley Pike, Winchester, and Mr. Bowen's business address is 14 North Loudon Street.

JOHN HENRY ROSENBERGER, of Winchester, Virginia, fills many posts of responsibility in his community. His primary business connection is with the firm of John W. Rosenberger and Company, Inc., of which he is vice-president; but he is also president of the Shawnee Building and Loan Association, Inc., and is connected with banks and with educational and welfare groups, as well as having held office in the city's administration.

Mr. Rosenberger is a native of Winchester. He was born December 26, 1893, son of John W. and Ella (Fitts) Rosenberger, and his father is still living, being now in his eighty-seventh year. John W. Rosenberger devoted his career to the lumber business, and founded the firm which bears his name today. This was established by him in 1907. It has continued in the same line, lumber and building supplies, and it operates a mill for the manufacture of lumber and cabinet work.

Receiving his preliminary education in the public schools of his native city, John Henry Rosenberger graduated from high school there, after which he entered Randolph-Macon College, Ashland, Virginia, graduating in 1916. He served during World War I in the United States Army, being stationed at Camp Lee as trainer of cadre. He advanced to the commissioned ranks during the years of his service, and was honorably discharged in 1919 with the rank of captain.

Mr. Rosenberger has been identified throughout his career with the lumber interests established

by his father. Associated with him in the earlier years of the company's development, he now holds the office of vice-president, and since his father's activity in connection with the business has decreased, he is chiefly responsible for the management of its affairs. John W. Rosenberger and Company, Inc., has its headquarters at 31 South Braddock Street in Winchester.

Mr. Rosenberger's other business connections are with the Shawnee Building and Loan Association, Inc., of which he is president, and with the Shenandoah Valley National Bank of which he is a member of the board of directors. He has rendered faithful and valuable service to his community in many ways. A Democrat in his politics, he is a past member of the city council, on which he served for many years. He is chairman of the city school board, and his interest in the cause of good education is further indicated by his membership on the board of trustees of Randolph-Macon College. He is both president and a director of the Winchester Memorial Hospital. During World War II, Mr. Rosenberger served on the local selective service board.

In connection with his occupation, Mr. Rosenberger is a member of the Virginia Building Material Dealers Association. He is a member of a number of Greek letter societies: Chi Beta Phi, Omicron Delta Kappa, Tau Kappa Alpha and Sigma Upsilon. Locally, he is identified with the Winchester Chamber of Commerce. He is a Methodist in his religious faith.

In Winchester on April 5, 1921, John Henry Rosenberger married Nan L. Maynard of that city, daughter of Dr. Clinton and Virginia (Faulkner) Maynard. Mr. and Mrs. Rosenberger have become the parents of one son, Stephen Maynard Rosenberger, who was born August 8, 1924. He graduated from Winchester High School and attended Virginia Polytechnic Institute; and during World War II served in the United States Navy, aboard a destroyer, holding the rating of seaman first class. He served in both the Atlantic and Pacific theaters, and received his honorable discharge in 1946. Now associated with his father in business, Stephen Maynard Rosenberger is married to the former Jane Over of Winchester, and they have a son, John Henry, 2nd.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Rosenberger reside at 124 West Boscowen Street, Winchester.

PAUL METZ HALDEMAN — The Haldeman family affords one of those instances, less common today than formerly, of the continued operation

of a single acreage by successive generations, on a basis of continuing prosperity. Paul Metz Haldeman's grandfather, Isaac, purchased the farm on Route 522 near Winchester, today known as the Evandale Farm, in 1870. Mr. Haldeman manages its acres today. He also operates the Haldeman Creamery, which was established in 1889. Outstanding in Mr. Haldeman's own career is his activity in the banking field; he is president of two local banks.

Born in Winchester, June 11, 1896, Paul Metz Haldeman is a son of Jacob Shem and Anna May (Metz) Haldeman, and is descended from ancestors who came to this country from Switzerland in the Seventeenth Century. Jacob Shem Haldeman, who also operated Evandale Farm and the Haldeman Creamery, died in July, 1938. He was survived by his wife, who died in January, 1944.

After graduation from Winchester High School, Paul Metz Haldeman entered Hampden-Sydney College, from which he was graduated in 1917 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He worked on the family farm from 1917 to 1931, and still makes his home there, continuing to direct its operations with the assistance of hired help. Since 1931, he has busied himself with the management of the Haldeman Creamery, which is located at 19 South Kent Street in Winchester. This is a complete plant, with facilities for pasteurizing milk, and for the production of cream cheeses and butter which is marketed widely under the "JSH" trade-mark. This dairy enterprise, which was established by Mr. Haldeman's father, Jacob Shem Haldeman, in 1889, now operates six trucks on its delivery routes, and gives employment to seventeen people. Mr. Haldeman is now president and general manager of the Haldeman Creamery.

As a leading business man whose abilities are recognized in his community. Mr. Haldeman has come to hold official position in a number of other organizations. He is president of the Virginia Glass and Sand Corporation of Gore, Virginia; director of Victor Products Company of Ranson; and director of the Loudon County Mutual Insurance Company, of Waterford. He is a civic-minded man who has served as chairman of the Frederick County School Board, and participates actively in the affairs of the Chamber of Commerce of Winchester, and the Rotary Club.

Mr. Haldeman is president of the Virginia Loan and Thrift Corporation, and also president of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Winchester. The latter of these is a general banking

organization, showing resources in its report of December 31, 1949, of nearly ten million dollars. It handles commercial accounts, checking accounts and savings accounts, and is a member of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. Its vice-president is Joseph L. Kalbach, and its cashier J. H. Yost. On its board are a number of the leading citizens of the Winchester area, many of whom are successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits.

Fraternally affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Mr. Haldeman is a member of the Blue Lodge, and the Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons. He is a member of the Theta Chi fraternity. He and his family attend the Presbyterian Church.

In Buckingham County, Virginia, June 29, 1929, Paul Metz Haldeman married Marguerite Goodman, resident of that county and daughter of Edward A. and Ada (Toler) Goodman. Mr. and Mrs. Haldeman, who reside at Evandale Farm, have become the parents of two children: 1. Elaine May, born in November, 1935, died in January, 1941. 2. Paul Metz, Jr., born December 27, 1943.

HOWARD ARTHUR HOLLAND—The name of Howard Arthur Holland has become identified, in Winchester, with the two widely varied fields of banking and sports. Activity in these two pursuits has constituted a large part of his career, and he is now trust officer of the Shenandoah Valley National Bank, and president of the local softball league. He also rendered notable service in the United States Navy during World War II.

Mr. Holland is a native of Franklin, Virginia, and was born January 6, 1903, son of J. Peter and Annie Mary (Magee) Holland. J. Peter Holland found a rewarding livelihood in the timberlands, and became a man of considerable wealth, suffering severe reverses, however, at the time of the nationwide panic of two decades ago. Howard Arthur Holland began his education in the public schools of Franklin, graduated from the Norfolk, Virginia, High School in 1920, and continued his studies at the University of Virginia during 1920-1922. He distinguished himself in the sports field at the university even at that time, and continued his studies at the law school, from which he graduated in 1925 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws.

From 1926 to 1929, Mr. Holland remained at the University of Virginia as coach in football, baseball and basketball, in which he had participated as an undergraduate. Concurrently, he achieved notable status in professional baseball

leagues, pitching for the Cincinnati Reds in 1926, for the New York Giants in 1927, and for the St. Louis Cardinals in 1929.

In 1929 began Mr. Holland's career in banking. He became associated first with one of the largest banking institutions in the country, the Chase National Bank of New York, in which he was connected with the trust department. He remained with this bank until 1937, when he came to Baltimore, Maryland, as assistant trust officer of another large financial concern, the First National Bank of that city. In 1942 Mr. Holland terminated this connection to enter the United States Navy.

Enlisting in the naval service on February 15, 1942, Howard A. Holland was commissioned a lieutenant in naval aviation. He was assigned to the United States Aircraft Carrier "Wasp," which engaged in action in the Pacific theater of operations. Returned to the United States during the course of the world conflict, Lieutenant-Commander Holland became executive officer at Fort Lauderdale Naval Air Station, from which he was retired to inactive duty as a member of the Naval Reserves, in the rank of commander, October, 1945.

Since resuming civilian life, Mr. Holland has made his home in Winchester. He has taken up again both his banking and his sports interests. Since 1948, he has been trust officer of the Shenandoah Valley National Bank; and he is very active, as president of the local softball league, in bringing the people of the northern Shenandoah Valley the opportunity for sports participation, as well as spectator entertainment.

Mr. Holland is a member of the Rotary Club of Winchester, and of Kappa Sigma fraternity. As a veteran of World War II service, he is a member of Conrad Hoover Post No. 21 of the American Legion, and of the Reserve Officers Club. In his religious faith, Mr. Holland is Episcopalian. He is a Democrat in his politics.

Mr. Holland is unmarried.

LEONARD BASIL SIRBAUGH—A significant figure in the insurance field in the Shenandoah Valley, Leonard Basil Sirbaugh is owner and manager of one of its oldest-established and most reliable firms. The Hugh S. Lupton and Son insurance agency, as it continues to be known, is located at 30 Rouss Avenue in Winchester. That city has been the locale of Mr. Sirbaugh's entire career, and he has taken a responsible part in its affairs.

Son of James I. and Margaret B. (Keller) Sirbaugh, Leonard Basil Sirbaugh was born in Capon Bridge, West Virginia, February 12, 1900. His father is manager of the Winchester Cooperage Company, Inc. After beginning his education in the public schools of Capon Bridge, Mr. Sirbaugh entered Potomac State College in Keyser, West Virginia, from which he graduated in 1921.

From the completion of his college training until 1936, Mr. Sirbaugh was associated with the Cooper Merchandise and Oil Company, a wholesale grocery firm located in Winchester, in the capacity of accountant. Since 1936, he has been associated with the Hugh S. Lupton and Son insurance agency. This firm was established by Hugh S. Lupton in 1889, and upon the death of the founder, Daniel W. Lupton succeeded him as president. When Daniel Lupton died in 1935, Mr. Sirbaugh, who had familiarized himself with every aspect of the insurance business, was prepared to assume the responsibilities of manager. Since 1947, he has been both owner and manager of this mutual insurance agency. A few of the nationally known concerns which it represents are the Northwestern Mutual Fire Association, the Central Manufacturers Mutual Insurance Company, the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Loudoun County, the Lumberman's Mutual Casualty Company, and the Pennsylvania Lumberman's Mutual Fire Insurance Company. The firm has stood for fair and reliable service in Winchester for over sixty years, and Mr. Sirbaugh has continued the tradition of competent and understanding management, as well as preserving the name by which the agency has so long been favorably known.

He takes a constructive part in other activities in Winchester. A Democrat in his politics, Mr. Sirbaugh has served since 1942 on the Winchester city council, and he is chairman of the airport, armory and recreation committees. He is a member of the Winchester recreation department and was one of its first directors. Mr. Sirbaugh is also a member of the board of directors of the Henry and William Evans Home. Professionally, he is identified with the National Association of Mutual Insurance Agents, and with the Virginia and District of Columbia Mutual Agents Association. He is a member and director of the local Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the Lions Club. In his religious faith, Mr. Sirbaugh is a Presbyterian, and he serves his congregation as a deacon.

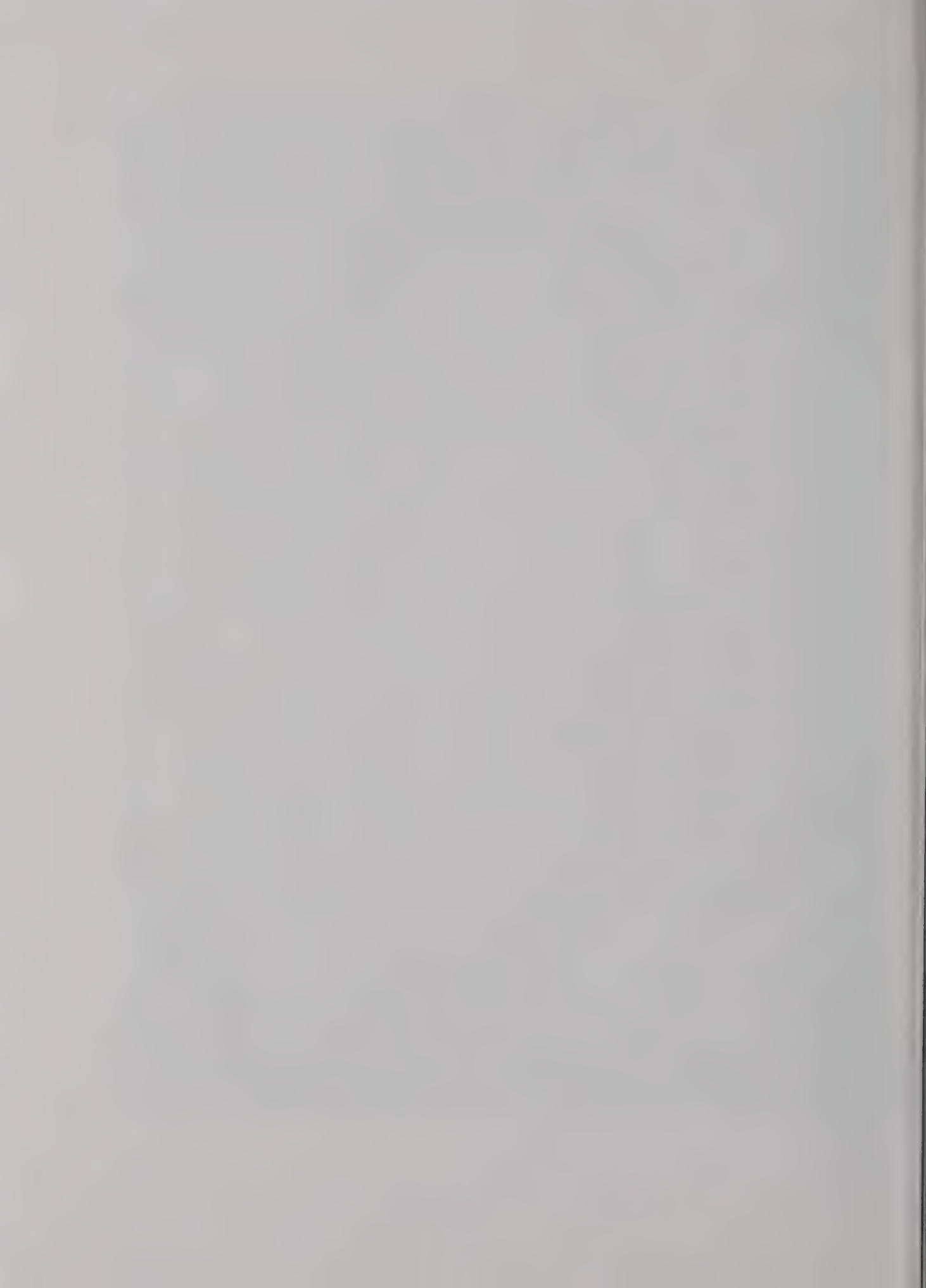
At Crew, Virginia, November 27, 1930, Leonard Basil Sirbaugh married Lelia M. Shipp of that



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town. Mrs. Sirbaugh is a daughter of James Henry and Corinne (Lewis) Shipp, and a direct descendant of the patriot Patrick Henry, on the Lewis side. Mr. and Mrs. Sirbaugh are the parents of two children: 1. Ann Dickinson, born October 10, 1940. 2. Leonard Basil, Jr., born November 4, 1944.

JAMES THOMAS SCRUGGS—Engaged in the management of Scruggs and Company, Inc., which maintains a department store in Elkton, Virginia, James Thomas Scruggs has distinguished himself in the commercial life of Elkton. He has been outstanding in its public affairs as well—a member of the town council for fourteen years, and head of its civic improvement committee.

Born October 11, 1912, Mr. Scruggs is a native of Concord, Campbell County, Virginia, and a son of Mr. and Mrs. James Preston Scruggs. His father, who was born in Appomattox County, June 16, 1877, became a merchant in Concord, and moved to Elkton to follow the same occupation in 1926. He died April 28, 1940, at Elkton, Virginia.

James Thomas Scruggs attended schools in Concord, Virginia, and graduated from Elkton High School in 1931. Before identifying himself with what is now one of Elkton's major merchandising enterprises, he was an automobile salesman, and bookkeeper. In 1936, he entered business in partnership with his father, and they formed the firm of Scruggs and Company, Inc., in Elkton, which operates Scruggs Department Store. The venture has been one long awaited in the commercial field in Elkton, and it has rapidly gained the confidence of the buying public.

Mr. Scruggs was first elected to the town council of his community in 1936, and has continued as a member of that body for fourteen years. He is chairman of the civic improvement committee, director of the Turkey Festival, and a promoter of the East Side Highway. As an influential business leader of Elkton, he was active in bringing about the choice of that town as a location for the Merck plant. He has always had the welfare of his home city at heart.

For two years during World War II, James Thomas Scruggs served in the United States Navy. He held the rating of seaman first class, and was purchasing agent engaged in aviation supply. He was stationed at Norfolk until the date of his honorable discharge, November 22, 1945.

Mr. Scruggs is a member of the Lions Club, and served as its president during 1943-1944. He is a member of Spottswood Country Club. He is a communicant of the Methodist Church, and is chairman of the board of stewards. He is Past Commander of Post No. 222, American Legion, of Elkton, Virginia.

At McGaheysville, June 16, 1934, James T. Scruggs married Margaret Ann Duff. They are the parents of a son, James Thomas, II, born at Elkton, June 5, 1935.

JACOB HIRAM YOST—Associated with the Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Winchester since 1913, Jacob Hiram Yost has not only had a distinguished career in the banking field, but has long been one of the city's most highly esteemed citizens. He has held the office of cashier in the bank since the mid-1920s, and has participated actively in fraternal affairs.

Mr. Yost, who is a native of Winchester, was born June 3, 1896, and is a son of David F. and Frances (Newcomber) Yost. After completing his courses at Winchester High School, he attended Shenandoah Valley Academy, from which he was graduated in 1913.

Mr. Yost's lifetime work began shortly after graduation from the academy. He became identified with the Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Winchester in the same year. His natural aptitude for banking, and willingness to accept responsibility soon became apparent, and he continued to progress until in 1926 he was offered the cashiership of the bank. This office he has retained to the present time.

Fraternal activities constitute one of Mr. Yost's favorite social pastimes. He is a member of the Blue Lodge of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and of the lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Loyal Order of Moose. In his religious faith, Mr. Yost is a Protestant, and he is an Independent in his politics.

The Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Winchester, the organization in which Jacob Hiram Yost has found a full and rewarding career, offers general banking services, including commercial, savings, and checking account facilities. Among its accounts are those of many northern Virginia business concerns, as well as those of individuals. The bank belongs to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. That it has been a concern of growing importance in the commercial life of Winchester is indicated by the fact that its resources and liabilities balanced, as of

December 31, 1949, at \$9,667,858.18. Paul M. Haldeman (q.v.) is its president, and Joseph L. Kalbach its vice-president. As cashier, Mr. Yost has the able assistance of the following bank officers: S. D. McFadden (who is also trust officer), G. F. Eutsler, Claude M. Grim, Wilbur M. Feltner, Robert B. Fuller, and Harry E. Ridgeway.

Jacob Hiram Yost has been twice married. He married, first, in January, 1927, Kathryn McFadden, and they became the parents of two children: 1. Jacob Hiram, Jr., a graduate of Randolph-Macon Academy and of the University of Maryland with the degree of Bachelor of Science. During World War II he served in the United States Army, being assigned to the 70th Tank Battalion. He served in the European theater and in North Africa. Holding the rating of first sergeant, he was discharged in 1946. Jacob Hiram Yost, Jr., married Nancy Schlack, and is the father of a son, Jacob Hiram, 3rd. 2. Ann Kay, a graduate of Winchester High School and of William and Mary College. She is now associated with the Curtis Publishing Company in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, publishers of "The Saturday Evening Post" and other nationally known magazines.

Mr. Yost married, second, in 1944, Elsie Snidar of Winchester, daughter of W. B. and Susan (Dorsey) Snidar. The Yosts reside at 634 Tenyson Avenue in Winchester.

CHARLES RIDGELY WHITE—With an extensive background of business experience both in the United States and abroad, C. Ridgely White has found in Winchester an excellent opportunity in the field of insurance. He is at present associated with J. V. Arthur (q.v.), in an agency which deals in general insurance, life and casualty. Mr. White has found in Winchester also a considerable opportunity for service. He is prominently identified with banking, and with organizations furthering the community's welfare.

Born in Baltimore, Maryland, November 14, 1911, C. Ridgely White is a son of the late Charles Ridgely White, and Lucy Marshall Willis now Mrs. Frank Newcomer Hack. The younger C. Ridgely White attended Handley High School in Winchester, and the Shenandoah Valley Academy in 1924, graduating from the Tome Preparatory School in Port Deposit, Maryland, in 1929. He has also studied abroad, taking courses at the University of Berlin in Germany, in 1935.

Mr. White's first business connection was one which gave him an opportunity to familiarize himself with the world. This connection was with Foreign Travel Associates. It continued from the time of his study at the University of Berlin until 1936, and during this period he was resident in Paris, France. In 1936, Mr. White returned to the United States, and settling in Washington, D. C., opened there an office for Foreign Travel Associates. He remained in the nation's capital as manager of this office until 1937.

In that year, C. Ridgely White became an agent for the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company, in which connection he settled in Baltimore, Maryland. This position was of short duration, however, for also in 1937, he came to Winchester, where he became a partner with J. V. Arthur in the J. V. Arthur Insurance Agency.

Mr. White is a director of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Winchester. He is a member of the board of directors of the Community Chest of Winchester, a member of the Chamber of Commerce, and president of the Rotary Club. Fraternally he is identified with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is an independent in his politics, and a communicant of the Presbyterian Church which he serves as a deacon.

During World War II, C. Ridgely White served in the United States Navy, Office of Naval Intelligence. His previous foreign experience was useful here, for in carrying out his duties he was stationed at various times in Europe and in South America. Enlisting in the naval service in September, 1942, he was honorably discharged in the rank of lieutenant commander in January, 1946.

In Winchester, Virginia, August 20, 1941, C. Ridgely White married Eleanor Gillespie Scully of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, daughter of John Sullivan and Mary (Gillespie) Scully. Mrs. White is a member of the Civic League, the Junior Century Club, the Garden Club, and the Church Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. and Mrs. White are the parents of four children: 1. C. Ridgely, Jr., born September 26, 1942. 2. Stephen Decatur, born November 13, 1944. 3. John Scully, born January 19, 1948. 4. Lucy Marshall, born February 3, 1950. The family resides on Merriman's Lane, Winchester.

JOSEPH VICTOR ARTHUR—Engaged in the general insurance business in Winchester, Joseph Victor Arthur manages an agency in his own

name, in partnership with Charles R. White. Mr. Arthur is also identified with hotel management, and with a number of organizations.

Son of Benjamin Franklin and Josie (Farrar) Arthur, Joseph Victor Arthur was born in Union, South Carolina, January 14, 1899. His mother died in 1935, and Benjamin Franklin Arthur in 1944. Mr. Arthur is a graduate of the Shenandoah Valley Academy, and attended the University of Virginia, class of 1918.

On November 8, 1919, the general insurance firm of Lacy and Arthur was established in Winchester. In 1922, Joseph V. Arthur purchased the Lacy interest in the agency, and changed the name to J. V. Arthur, General Insurance. Charles R. White (q.v.) joined the organization in 1937, as junior partner. It represents many of the best-known and largest of the nation's insurance companies, among them the Hartford Fire Insurance Company, the Insurance Company of North America, and the Maryland Casualty Company.

In addition to directing the operations of the J. V. Arthur insurance agency, Mr. Arthur is secretary and treasurer, as well as a director, of the George Washington Hotel in Winchester. He is a member and past president of the Virginia Association of Insurance Agents, and a member of the executive committee of the National Association of Insurance Agents. Locally, Mr. Arthur is a member of the Rotary, and its past president. He is an Episcopalian in his religious faith, and a Democrat in his politics.

At Winchester, Virginia, December 31, 1924, Joseph Victor Arthur married Elizabeth Steck, daughter of John M. and Mary (Cover) Steck. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur are the parents of three children: 1. Joseph Victor, Jr., born in April, 1926. He graduated from Handley High School in Winchester, Augusta Military Academy, and attended the University of Virginia for two and one-half years. During World War II, J. V. Arthur, Jr., served in the United States Army, being assigned to the 27th Combat Engineers and stationed in the South Pacific. He was honorably discharged in 1946 with the rank of corporal, and is now associated with his father in the insurance agency. 2. Elizabeth Steck, born in March, 1929. She attended Handley High School and Holton Arms School, Washington, D. C. of which she is a graduate. 3. Robbin Randolph, born in July, 1938. The family resides at 200 Fairfax Lane, Winchester.

JAMES SLOAN KUYKENDALL has been engaged in the practice of law in Winchester since his admission to the bar in 1931. In addition to building up a successful private practice, Mr. Kuykendall has served as commonwealth attorney, and has taken an active part in banking and welfare work in his own city.

He was born in Romney, West Virginia, December 11, 1906, and is a son of James Sloan, Sr., and Bertha (Williams) Kuykendall. Ancestors of the Kuykendall family came from Holland, and settled first in New York State and in Pennsylvania. The elder James Sloan Kuykendall died in February, 1928. His son, subject of this sketch, attended the schools of his native place and was graduated from Romney High School in 1924. During 1926-1927, he attended Potomac State College in Keyser, West Virginia, and was graduated from the law school of the University of Virginia in 1931 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws.

Admitted to the bar in the state of Virginia the same year, Mr. Kuykendall established practice in Winchester, and has remained in that city since. His offices are at 38 and 40 Rouss Avenue. He is a past commonwealth attorney, and is a member of the American Bar Association and the Virginia State Bar Association. Mr. Kuykendall is also a member of the Board of Law Examiners for the Commonwealth of Virginia. His reputation among the members of his profession in his state has always been excellent.

He has distinguished himself in civic affairs as a member of the Handley board of trustees, and member of the executive committee of the Winchester Memorial Hospital. He is a director of the Shenandoah Valley National Bank in Winchester. This bank is one of the old and reliable financial institutions of the Shenandoah Valley, and one of the strongest in its fiscal position. It has served the public for over eighty-five years. W. Nelson Page is chairman of its board, and Harold G. Brown its president.

J. Sloan Kuykendall is a Democrat in his politics, and is of Protestant faith.

On June 25, 1938, he married Emily Stephenson Light of Frederick County, Virginia, daughter of Harry C. and Edna Huyett Light. Mr. and Mrs. Kuykendall, who reside at 300 South Washington Street, are the parents of four children: 1. Susan Ray, born in March, 1940. 2. Emily Tabb, born in February, 1942. 3. Edna Huyett, born in December, 1945. 4. James Sloan, 3rd, born in March, 1949.

HELEN JUDD MASSEY — The Shenandoah Candy Company, Inc., of Winchester, has developed an extensive industry out of one manifestation of the "sweet tooth" of the American public. It manufactures "Shenandoah Apple Candy," sold throughout the states near the Shenandoah Valley region, in a trade volume of 160,000 pounds annually. Holding an executive position in this firm is Miss Helen Judd Massey, who as its secretary, treasurer and manager, has had no small part in establishing this creditable production and sales record. Miss Massey and other members of her family have developed the Shenandoah Candy Company's product and have thereby brought to Winchester a manufacturing concern of considerable importance.

She is the daughter of William P. Massey, Sr., co-founder of the company, and of Ruth (Farley) Massey, who died in September, 1941. William P. Massey, Sr., is now retired from active business. He was for many years president of the Virginia State Horticulture Society. Seeing in the extensive fruit production of the Valley an opportunity for its application in the confection field, he established the present business with his brother, Carl F. Massey, in 1929. Originally designated the Shenandoah Valley Candy Company, it continued operations under that style until 1945, when it was incorporated, and given the present designation. Its present modern plant is located on Amherst Street Extension in Winchester, and thirty persons are employed here. Distribution of its annual 160,000 pounds of the "Shenandoah Apple Candy" covers the states of Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, North Carolina and Tennessee, as well as the District of Columbia. In the summer, large numbers of tourists visit the Valley and surrounding regions, and through them the reputation of "Shenandoah Apple Candy" has extended even further. These devotees have shipped packages of the novel confection throughout the United States.

Helen Judd Massey has been associated with the company since 1933, and now holds the executive offices of secretary and treasurer, as well as being manager of the plant. Born in Wellesley Hills, Massachusetts, August 19, 1911, Miss Massey attended public schools in Winchester, Virginia, was a student for one year at Newton High School in Newtonville, Massachusetts, from which she was graduated, and matriculated at Simmons College in Boston, from which she was graduated in 1932 with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Landscape Architecture. Hence, the

Shenandoah Candy Company has been her sole and continuing business interest, and she has proved herself a most able executive.

Active in both local and nationwide organizations, Miss Massey is a member of the chambers of commerce of her city and state, of Shenandoah Valley, Inc., and of the Travel Council. She is a member of the American Association of University Women and the Girl Scouts of America; and is locally identified with the Winchester and Clarke Garden Club and the Century Club. Miss Massey is a communicant of the Episcopal Church, and is an independent in her political views. She resides at 101 North Washington Street, Winchester.

LEON SLAVIN, D.D.S.—Practicing dentistry in Winchester since 1934, Leon Slavin, D.D.S., is one of that city's outstanding professional men. Particularly notable are his connections with organizations in the field of dentistry, in some of which he has held office. Dr. Slavin has also participated fully in the affairs of his community. He served his country as a naval officer during World War II.

A native of New York, Dr. Slavin was born in Gouverneur in that state, April 11, 1908, and is a son of J. H. and Celia (Krieff) Slavin. He completed his academic education in his native state, graduating from the Carthage, New York, High School in 1925, and from Syracuse University, where he completed his pre-dental studies, in 1927. Dr. Slavin entered upon his professional preparation, however, at the Medical College of Virginia, from which he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery in 1931.

He established practice in that year at Mount Jackson, Virginia, and remained in that city for three years. In August, 1934, he came to Winchester, where he opened offices. He has remained in practice there since that time, with the exception of his service in the United States Navy during World War II.

Dr. Slavin enlisted in the Naval Reserve in 1938 and was called to active duty in August, 1942; was assigned to the Dental Corps, and commissioned a lieutenant, junior grade. For two years he served in the African theater. In October, 1945, he was retired to inactive duty with the rank of lieutenant commander. Resuming his practice in Winchester at the time of his return to civilian life, Dr. Slavin occupies offices at 212 West Boscawen Street.

Professionally, he is a member of the American

Dental Association, the Virginia State Dental Association, the Oral Dynamics Research Group of Washington, D. C., and the North Virginia Dental Study Club. Dr. Slavin was formerly president of the last-named organization. He has, throughout his period of residence in Winchester, taken an active part in its civic affairs, and is a member of the Chamber of Commerce. He is a charter member and president of the Exchange Club; a member of the Winchester Golf Club; a member of the Izaak Walton League; and is fraternally affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Dr. Slavin is interested in veterans' groups as well, and is a member of the posts of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He is of Jewish faith, and is an independent in his politics.

In Oran, Algeria, North Africa, in June, 1944, Dr. Leon Slavin married Marie Anne Guerrini, of Toulon, France. Mrs. Slavin is a member of the Winchester Hospital Auxiliary, the Junior Century Club, the Lord Fairfax Garden Club, and the Negro Day Nursery. Dr. and Mrs. Slavin reside at 424 West Cecil Street, Winchester.

WILLIAM HENRY LAWRENCE, JR.—Managing one of the most outstanding and modern plants in the Shenandoah Valley area, devoted to the production of textiles, William Henry Lawrence, Jr., has been a business leader of the Winchester region since 1939. He is president of the Clearbrook Woolen Company, Inc., in nearby Clearbrook, a progressive establishment which has maintained new and higher standards of employee relationships and has become a vital economic factor in the life of the community.

Mr. Lawrence, who is a son of Dr. William Henry, Sr., and Myra (Coggeshall) Lawrence, was born in Summit, New Jersey, July 9, 1906. His father, a surgeon by profession, is now retired and makes his home in Florida. Dr. Lawrence organized the Summit Medical Group, which was the first such group in the Eastern states. William H. Lawrence, Jr., received his public school education in the city of his birth, and graduated from Summit High School in the class of 1923. The next year he completed courses at the Philadelphia Textile Institute, in preparation for his career in textiles.

His first business connection was with the Frederick T. Lawrence Company of New York City, selling agents, and he remained with that firm from 1924 to 1929. In the latter year he

associated himself with the Blue Ridge Woolen Company, located in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, and remained for the following decade in the successive capacities of designer, superintendent, and president of the firm.

In April, 1939, Mr. Lawrence came to the Shenandoah Valley, and established at Clearbrook, six miles north of Winchester, the Clearbrook Woolen Company, Inc. Influencing his decision as to a place to locate was the availability at that location of a woolen mill which had been idle for over a year and a half. After completely renovating and modernizing its facilities, operations were begun under the present corporate organization. Mr. Lawrence has been the president of the firm throughout its existence, and Nancy Dorrance Lawrence holds the offices of secretary and treasurer. The firm manufactures a fine grade of woollens for conversion into women's wear, and these it markets through the selling agency of J. G. Jacob of New York City. The mill as at present constituted consists of four sets of carding machines. With a payroll of one hundred and ten persons, the Clearbrook Woolen Company has proved an invaluable factor in the employment picture in the Winchester area, and provides a secure economic base for industry in Clearbrook. Mr. Lawrence, whose policies are those of liberal and forward-looking management, has constructed a park and a swimming pool for the employees of his plant, and also operates a retail store on the premises for their benefit.

He has been a vital influence, too, in the recent civic development of the town of Clearbrook. At the time of his establishing his firm here, the community lacked a fire company, and he was responsible for the organization of the present force. He is a member of the executive board of the Winchester Memorial Hospital, and serves on the Chamber of Commerce of that city. He is also a member of the Rotary Club. Mr. Lawrence is a well-known member of the Virginia State Manufacturers' Association.

During World War II, his plant, which has always produced the highest grade of woollens, devoted itself to the manufacture of army blankets. Otherwise, its output has been used in the manufacture of women's wear.

Mr. Lawrence is an independent in his politics. He and his family attend the Presbyterian Church.

In June, 1928, at Short Hills, New Jersey, William Henry Lawrence, Jr., married Nancy Dorrance of that city, daughter of Henry Billings and Grace Durand Dorrance. Mr. and Mrs. Law-

rence, who reside at "Clearview," Fairmont Avenue, in Winchester, are the parents of three children: 1. William Henry, 3rd, a graduate of Handley High School in Winchester, now attending Williams College. 2. James Dorrance, attending Handley High School. 3. Edward Coggeshall. Mrs. Lawrence is an executive of the Clearbrook Woolen Company, Inc., as indicated above.

PAUL C. BUFORD—In law and insurance, Paul C. Buford has played an important role in Roanoke and the Shenandoah Valley. Since 1939 he has been president of the Shenandoah Life Insurance Company, Incorporated.

Mr. Buford was born at College Hill, Lafayette County, Mississippi, March 13, 1893, son of Paul C. and Louise (Barry) Buford. His father died in 1918. The mother now lives in Shelby, Mississippi.

The younger Paul C. Buford attended public schools in Mississippi and in Shelby County, Tennessee, after the family took up its residence in Whitehaven, Tennessee, in 1900. Afterwards he studied at Mississippi Heights Academy, Blue Mountain, Mississippi, and Southwestern Presbyterian University, Clarksville, Tennessee (now situated at Memphis). Subsequently he transferred to Washington and Lee University, in Lexington, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1913 and that of Bachelor of Laws in 1915. At Washington and Lee, he was made a member of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, as well as the Phi Delta Phi fraternity and the White Friars, and in his senior academic year, he was elected to the honorary scholastic society of Phi Beta Kappa. In 1940 he was elected to Omicron Delta Kappa. He began practicing law in Roanoke in July, 1915, and except for a period of Army service during World War I, he carried on his professional work continuously until late in 1939. At that time he was made president of the Shenandoah Life Insurance Company, Incorporated, in Roanoke.

In this position he has played an important role in Virginia life. He is also a member of the Roanoke Bar Association, the Virginia State Bar Association and the American Bar Association. He also belongs to the American Judicature Society. Formerly he was president of the Roanoke Bar Association. He has served on the board of trustees of the Roanoke Community Fund, and is a past president of the Roanoke Chamber of Commerce, and is a member of the Roanoke Kiwanis

Club, the Shenandoah Club, the Roanoke Country Club, the American Legion and the Military Order of the World War. He is a trustee of the Roanoke Hospital Association and of Hollins College. For a number of years he has been an elder of the Second Presbyterian Church.

His service in World War I began in August, 1917, when Mr. Buford entered the Second Officers Training Camp, at Fort Myer, Virginia, and he received a commission as second lieutenant of Field Artillery. In December, 1917, he was assigned to the Third Field Artillery Regiment in the regular Army. With this regiment he served in the United States and France from August, 1918, to May, 1919. In November, 1918, he was promoted to first lieutenant of the Field Artillery in the American Expeditionary Forces. He was honorably discharged at Camp Dix, New Jersey, in May, 1919.

Paul C. Buford married, February 29, 1924, Anne Warren, daughter of Guy Scott and Katherine (Bronston) Warren. Her father came from St. Louis, Missouri, and her mother from Lexington, Kentucky. Mr. and Mrs. Buford became the parents of four children: 1. Anne, born in 1925, wife of Beverley Berkeley, Jr., of Wrightsville, North Carolina, and they have one child, Beverley Berkeley, 3rd. 2. Guy Warren, born in 1930. 3. Paul C., Jr., born in 1932. 4. Susan, born in 1940.

CLIFFORD DUVAL GRIM—One of Virginia's recognized authorities on finance and investments, and a leading figure in the state's industrial life, Clifford Duval Grim of Winchester is an officer or director in nearly a score of corporations in various fields. A veteran of World War I, he is a prominent American Legionnaire and is also outstanding as a layman and writer in the Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Grim was born in Harrisonburg, Virginia, on May 28, 1891, the son of Thomas Edward and Florence (Dean) Grim. His father was a jeweler and watchmaker. His mother, who was born at Winchester on June 23, 1859, died in January, 1950, some years after the death of her husband. She was a daughter of John H. and Lucy C. Dean and is survived by not only her son but a sister, Mrs. W. A. Bradford of Winchester. Clifford D. Grim was graduated from the John Kerr High School, Winchester, in 1906. That same year he entered the employ of Hansbrough and Carter, insurance and investment firm in Winchester, and in the years since then has become an authority



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in this field of business. He became a partner in the firm in 1928 and its owner in 1937. In addition, he is president of the Winchester Credit Corporation, the Rouss Avenue Small Loan Corporation, and the Handley Board of Trustees, and president and treasurer of the Shirley Carter Properties, Inc. Also, he is executive vice-president of the Virginia Woolen Company, treasurer of the Pamlico Timber Corporation and the Winchester Building and Loan Association, secretary of the Winchester Milling Corporation, vice-president of the George Washington Hotel Corporation, and a director in all these corporations as well as the following: the Northern Virginia Power Company, the Winchester and Potomac Railroad Company, the Mount Hebron Cemetery Company, the National Union Corporation of Baltimore, the National Union Company of Baltimore, and Varel Mills, Inc., and a director and chairman of the trust committee of the Shenandoah Valley National Bank. He is also a member of the executive committee of the Winchester Memorial Hospital. Mr. Grim, who served with the rank of sergeant major in the Officers Training School at Camp Joseph E. Johnson, Jacksonville, Florida, in 1917 and 1918, is a past commander of the Winchester Post of the American Legion. He remains active and influential in that organization, and also in the Rotary Club of Winchester. In 1950 his "History of the Presbyterian Church of Winchester" was published and distributed.

On January 11, 1919, Mr. Grim married Virginia Smith, also a native of Winchester, the ceremony being performed in that city. Mrs. Grim's parents were William H. and Nannie (Miller) Smith, both well known in Shenandoah Valley. Mr. Grim's home is at 118 Peyton Street, his business at 23 North Loudon Street, Winchester.

HARRY WINDSOR EBERT—The contribution which has made Harry Windsor Ebert of Winchester an outstanding personality in Shenandoah Valley has come through his activities as farmer, automobile dealer and leader in business and community affairs. Mr. Ebert is the founder and operator of the enterprise known as H. W. Ebert—Buick Sales and Service, with offices, salesrooms and service shops at 665 North Loudon Street, Winchester.

Born in Frederick County on February 20, 1893, Mr. Ebert is the son of John and Mary (Railett) Ebert. His father, a farmer, died in 1926; his

mother died in 1943. Mr. Ebert was educated in the public schools of Winchester. Following his graduation from the Winchester High School, he worked on the family farm for years. This farm consists of three hundred and fifty acres, and is concentrated on cattle and other livestock. On March 12, 1916, Mr. Ebert established his present Buick business. He has so ably managed the enterprise as to have made it one of the best known in its field in the Valley. His franchise covers Clarke, Frederick and Shenandoah counties. The business was transferred to its present building on Loudon Street in 1941, and its equipment for repairs and service is most up-to-date. Mr. Ebert employs twenty-five persons. He is active in the Kiwanis Club of Winchester, the Winchester Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and in the Virginia Automobile Dealers Association and the Winchester Automobile Dealers Association. He is a Republican. Prominent in the Methodist Church at Winchester, Mr. Ebert has been a member of the board of stewards since 1926.

On June 12, 1916, in Frederick County, he married Isabel Sencindiver, a native of that county and daughter of Turner and Fannie Sencindiver. They have become the parents of four children: 1. Harry Windsor Ebert, Jr., born in 1917, and educated in Winchester's elementary and high schools, at Randolph-Macon College, Ashland, Virginia, and the University of Virginia, Charlottesville. In World War II, he served with the United States Army Air Forces with the rank of captain. He was in the European and African campaigns and was separated from the service in 1946. He married Carol Croy of New York and they have one daughter, Deidre. He is now associated with his father in the automobile business. 2. Mary Elizabeth Ebert, born in 1918, educated in the elementary and high schools of Winchester and at Randolph-Macon Woman's College, Lynchburg. She is married to Hamill Jones and is the mother of Hamill Jones, Jr., and Ann Windsor, both born at Winchester, Virginia. Mr. Jones, a graduate of Randolph-Macon College at Ashland and the University of Virginia, is a lawyer. In World War II he served with the United States Army Intelligence Corps, with the rank of major. 3. Jean Isabel, born in 1924. A graduate of Winchester High School and Mary Washington College at Fredericksburg, she is now the wife of Ellis Ford and the mother of Ellen and Terry Ford. Mr. Ford was a sergeant with the United States Army in World War II,

and served in the European Theater of Operations. 4. Patricia Ann, born in 1934. In 1950, she was a student at the Winchester High School. The Ebert home is at 117 South Stewart Street, Winchester.

EUGENE RANKIN BRANCH—The hospitality and quality of the Shenandoah Valley's hotels are famed throughout the nation and constitute one of the major attractions of the Valley. In this atmosphere none has a better reputation as host than Eugene Rankin Branch, manager of the George Washington Hotel and the Hotel Jack, in Winchester, two hostelryes of the greatest renown among the traveling public. Mr. Branch is not only a prominent hotelman but an influential, active citizen of Shenandoah Valley.

He was born in Asheville, North Carolina, on May 20, 1899, son of another outstanding hotelman, Patrick Henry Branch, and of Grace (Rankin) Branch. His father, the owner of the Margo Terrace Hotel in Asheville, operated it himself for many years. He is now retired. Eugene R. Branch began his education in the public schools of Asheville. From 1914 to 1918 he was a student at the Episcopal High School in Alexandria and afterward spent two terms at the University of Virginia, Charlottesville. While he was exposed to hotel operation from childhood, Mr. Branch did not begin his career in this field until 1919, and from that year until 1928 he was associated with his father in the management of the sixty-two-room Margo Terrace Hotel at Asheville. In 1928 he was offered the post of manager of the George Washington Hotel and the Hotel Jack in Winchester, and since that time he has devoted himself to the further development of these two institutions. The George Washington Hotel was opened in June, 1924, with one hundred rooms. In 1930 fifty rooms were added, and today the hotel operates with one hundred fifty rooms. It has a fine dining room and other attractive accommodations, and is the headquarters for much of Winchester's communal activities, being the meeting place for luncheon and other clubs, including Lions, Rotary, Kiwanis, Exchange, the Junior Board of Trade and the Women's Civic League of Winchester. The Hotel Jack, opened in 1912, has thirty-nine rooms and is equipped with a modern coffee shop that is also popular in the community. Mr. Branch is a former president of the Winchester Chamber of Commerce. He is also active in the American Hotel Association, the Southern Hotel Association and the Virginia Hotel

Association. He belongs to Alpha Chapter, Chi Phi, to which he was pledged at the University of Virginia. When he was at the university, which was in the World War I period, he was a member of the Reserve Officers Training Corps. He is a Democrat and a Presbyterian.

Mr. Branch married (first) Kaye Dunn of Jersey City, New Jersey, daughter of Thomas and Mary Dunn, at Asheville in April, 1924. She died in 1932. He married (second) Cora McDonald of Winchester, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen McDonald, in that city on July 3, 1933. They make their home in the George Washington Hotel.

KIRK VERNON CONRAD — A significant figure in railroading in the Shenandoah Valley is Kirk Vernon Conrad, who has been identified with the Norfolk and Western Railway throughout his career. With service to his credit dating back almost to the turn of the century, Mr. Conrad is now general superintendent of transportation, with residence at Salem, Virginia.

Mr. Conrad was born in Roanoke, Virginia, in 1890, where his father, John Miller Conrad, removed from his birthplace at Conrad's Store (Elkton) Virginia, and married Ellen Buckner (Oney) Conrad of Roanoke. Kirk Vernon Conrad received his early education in the public schools, and continued his studies in commercial schools, preparatory to a career in business. Mr. Conrad first entered the railroad service on February 1, 1903, in the capacity of messenger, with the Norfolk and Western Railway. He has been with that railway company ever since.

A record of Mr. Conrad's service with the Norfolk and Western follows: June 5, 1903 to March 1, 1910, clerk in the car record office; March 1, 1910 to June 1, 1918, clerk in the transportation department; June 1, 1918 to March 1, 1920, office assistant to transportation assistant to regional director, Pocahontas Division, of the United States Railroad Administration; March 1, 1920 to June 1, 1931, chief clerk to the general superintendent of transportation; June 1, 1931 to January 1, 1942, assistant superintendent of transportation; January 1, 1942 to September 1, 1944, superintendent of transportation; September 1, 1944 to the present time, general superintendent of transportation.

Although a loyal citizen of his community, contributing extensively to its welfare, Mr. Conrad has not sought public office, nor has he interested



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himself in fraternal organizations. He attends St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

At Baltimore, Maryland, in March, 1937, Kirk Vernon Conrad married Mildred Catherine Kling. They make their home in Salem.

EDMUND STONE GLASS—Long engaged in the railroad business, Mr. Glass is chief special agent of the Norfolk and Western Railway Company, with headquarters in Roanoke. He has held different positions with this same railroad in a number of Virginia communities. Mr. Glass was born June 10, 1891, in Lynchburg, Virginia, son of Richard Walter and Hinda (Stone) Glass. His family, on the paternal side, has lived in Lynchburg and this vicinity of Virginia for a century or more. His father, engaged in the cattle and real estate business, died when Edmund Stone Glass was twelve years old. The father himself was only thirty-five years of age when fatally stricken with pneumonia.

After Edmund S. Glass was orphaned by the death of his mother, who died when he was two years of age, he was reared by his grandmother, who lived to be more than eighty-three years old, and who called him to her death bed, asked him to put his head on her breast and said, "Edmund, you have been good to me!" Those last words of his grandmother have remained always with him, and he says that he will cherish them until the end of his life. He is deeply appreciative of the role his grandmother played in his own youth as is evidenced by the help he extends to many underprivileged children.

He attended Lynchburg public schools and Lynchburg High School (now known as Glass High School), then proceeded to obtain the practical education which life and work with the railroad was to provide him. He began his service with the Norfolk and Western Railway Company on March 27, 1917, as a guard on the Lynchburg Belt Line. His particular assignment was to protect railroad property from sabotage during the first World War. Later he was transferred to Lamber Point, Norfolk, and placed in charge of the work of the night guards at that center. After four months, Mr. Glass was made special officer and assigned to Hopewell, Virginia. He was transferred to Petersburg and on August 15, 1918, to Lynchburg, where he was made special agent on March 15, 1926. It was on July 1, 1940, that he was made assistant chief special agent, with headquarters in Roanoke. His ap-

pointment as chief special agent came on November 6, the same year. He continues his railroad work down to the time of writing along with extensive activities on behalf of under-privileged children and different civic enterprises. He is chairman of the under-privileged children's committee of the Kiwanis Club for the Salem and Roanoke district and vice-president of the Salem Kiwanis Club for 1950. On June 3, 1949, as chairman he sponsored the Rogers Brothers circus. The proceeds from that event went to underprivileged children, the whole activity being handled and sponsored by the Salem Kiwanis Club, of which Mr. Glass was formerly director. In addition to his other civic undertakings, Mr. Glass is a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police and the Virginia Chiefs of Police. He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Salem.

Edmund Stone Glass married December 26, 1926, in Lynchburg, Virginia, Elton McGuire.

LEWIS FRANKLIN MOORE—Into the life of Lewis Franklin Moore a broad and colorful experience has been packed. As president of the Walker Machine and Foundry Corporation for over a quarter of a century and also as president of The Stone Printing and Manufacturing Company of Roanoke for over a decade, he is a well known figure in the industrial affairs of the city. To many it is less well known that he is a graduate engineer, for years practicing his profession in New England, and that it was not until after military service during World War I, that he came to Roanoke.

Lewis Franklin Moore is the son of the oldest living graduate of Virginia Military Institute, James William Moore. The older man was one of the "foragers" of the War Between the States, about the only military service a boy of thirteen years could render to the Confederate forces. He was associated as a lad with the famous Wheeler Cavalry, and later was a colonel in the Alabama National Guard. He was graduated from Virginia Military Institute with the class of 1873, and married Emma Reeves.

Son of James William and Emma (Reeves) Moore, Lewis Franklin Moore was born at Selma, Alabama, on April 24, 1891, and was prepared for higher education in the public and private schools of his birth city. Entering Virginia Military Institute, he was graduated with the class of 1911, in Civil Engineering. From the Institute he went to

Boston, Massachusetts, as assistant engineer with the T. A. Gillespie Construction Company. Later he was resident engineer for the Stone and Webster Corporation in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, in charge of a power-house construction project. When the United States entered World War I, he enlisted in the Armed Forces, and was assigned to the 73rd Artillery, United States Army. With the rank of first lieutenant he was overseas with the American Expeditionary Force in Angers, France, where he was attending the Heavy Artillery School, at the time of the signing of the Armistice. Soon thereafter he was separated from the Service and returned to the United States. In 1920, at Roanoke, he established the Walker Machine and Foundry Corporation, became president in 1921 and has held this office to date. In 1935 he became vice-president of The Stone Printing and Manufacturing Company, in 1936 being elected its president. The years have proven his abilities as an executive, the master of his profession, and a leader of enterprise and effectiveness. In the city, he was a member of the Rotary Club, of which he is a past vice-president and a director. He belongs to the Shenandoah Club of Roanoke, and finds recreation in hunting and fishing. His religious affiliations are with the Second Presbyterian Church, of this city.

On August 23, 1918, at Roanoke, Virginia, Lewis Franklin Moore married Mary Katherine Stone, daughter of Edward Lee and Minnie (Fishburn) Stone. Mr. and Mrs. Moore are the parents of three children: 1. Mary Stone, born June 4, 1920. 2. L. Franklin, Jr., born January 23, 1922. 3. Margaret Reeves, born August 26, 1928.

CARROLL FRANCIS KEELEY — Associated for over forty years with the Norfolk and Western Railway, Carroll Francis Keeley now fills the important office of freight and traffic manager, at the company's headquarters at Roanoke. Mr. Keeley, as an able and conscientious business leader, has also become a valued citizen of his community.

Mr. Keeley, who was born in Chester, Middlesex County, Connecticut, August 11, 1888, is a son of Francis and Elizabeth (Barry) Keeley. His father, also a railroad man, was employed by the Norfolk and Western, and by the Virginian Railway, as machinist and machine shop foreman. He later became superintendent of the Pintsch Compressing Company. As a youth, Carroll F. Keeley attended St. Andrew's Parochial

School in Roanoke, and he graduated from Roanoke High School (now Jefferson High School), in 1905. His education was continued at National Business College at Roanoke, from which he was graduated in 1907.

Mr. Keeley entered the railroad service in 1909, identifying himself with his father's old company, the Norfolk and Western Railway; and he has remained with that organization since that time, with the exception of two years, 1910-1912, when he was employed by the Pintsch Compression Company. During practically all of these years, he has been with the traffic department.

A Roman Catholic in his religious faith, Mr. Keeley and his family are communicants of the Nazareth Catholic Church in Roanoke. He is fraternally affiliated with the Knights of Columbus. Politically, Mr. Keeley identifies himself as a "Harry Byrd Democrat."

In Norfolk, Virginia, August 3, 1912, Carroll Francis Keeley married Nellie Carter, daughter of George Lewis and Ada (Williams) Carter. Mr. and Mrs. Keeley are the parents of two sons: 1. George Francis, born October 7, 1913. 2. Robert Louis Anthony, M.D., who was born July 11, 1921. Mr. and Mrs. Keeley reside at 2234 Westover Avenue, S.W., Roanoke.

FRED EDWARD WILLMAN—Engaged in the railroad business in Roanoke, Fred Edward Willman takes a deep interest in the affairs of this community.

Mr. Willman was born November 20, 1889, in Cleveland, Ohio, son of Edward and Johanna (Ziehm) Willman. His father had lived and retired in the Cleveland community for many years. Fred Edward Willman attended public schools in Cleveland where he finished his high school studies, then was a student at the Spencerian Business College, Boyd Business College, Tucker School of Expression and the Cleveland Law School.

His part in the life of Roanoke has been a many-sided one. Years of association with the Norfolk and Western and other railroads have brought him to a position of leadership with the Norfolk and Western Railway, in the district. He is presently general coal freight agent of the Norfolk and Western Railway. He has many affiliations with civic and social organizations. He is past president of the Central Young Men's Christian Association of his home city, as well as of the Roanoke Civic Chorus. He is a member of the First Baptist Church of Roanoke.

Fred Edward Willman married, September 15, 1915, in Cleveland, Ohio, Marth Elizabeth Schimmelman, daughter of Carl and Emilia (Jagdman) Schimmelman. They became the parents of two children: 1. Gerald Frederick, born December 6, 1928, now a junior student at Virginia Polytechnic Institute. 2. Ruth Miriam, born February 14, 1937, now attending Chrystal Springs School, Roanoke, Virginia.

HARRY CASSELL WYATT is one of those executive leaders of the Norfolk and Western Railway who have become prominent in the business and civic life of Roanoke. He has been with the Norfolk and Western Railway since 1924, and now holds the position of assistant general superintendent of motive power.

Mr. Wyatt was born in Wythe County, Virginia, June 16, 1902, and is a son of Walter Brack and Virginia (Cassell) Wyatt, his father being a retired railroad agent and a farmer. Completing his preparatory education at Greenbriar Military Academy, Harry C. Wyatt graduated from that school in 1920 and entered Virginia Polytechnic Institute, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering in 1924.

Mr. Wyatt's experience in the workday world predated the completion of his courses at Greenbriar, for he entered the railroad service in 1916 as mail carrier at Pulaski, Virginia, and served intermittently during the years until 1922, in the capacities of mail carrier, clerk, and later as assistant car repairer and car repairer, the former positions being at Pulaski and the latter at the West Roanoke shops. His career began in earnest in June, 1924, when he had completed his engineering education and came with Norfolk and Western as special apprentice in the Roanoke shops. His subsequent record of service is as follows: December 8, 1924 to March 9, 1925, shop inspector, Roanoke Shop; March 9 to October 26, 1925, special apprentice, Roanoke Shop and Portsmouth, Ohio; October 26, 1925 to January 21, 1926, shop inspector, Roanoke Shop; January 21, 1926 to February 11, 1927, shop inspector in West Roanoke; February 11 to September 16, 1927, shop inspector at Bluefield, West Virginia; September 16, 1927 to November 1, 1929, shop inspector, Roanoke Shop; November 1, 1929 to March 1, 1936, assistant foreman, Iaeger, West Virginia; March 1 to November 16, 1936, foreman at Iaeger; November 16, 1936 to April 16, 1937, assistant road foreman of engines, Pocahontas Division,

Bluefield; April 16 to August 1, 1937, general foreman, Columbus, Ohio; August 1, 1937 to June 1, 1939, assistant master mechanic, Radford and Shenandoah Divisions; June 1, 1939 to December 1, 1940, superintendent, Shenandoah Division; December 1, 1940 to January 1, 1942, superintendent, Scioto Division; January 1, to February 1, 1942, superintendent, Pocahontas Division. From February 1, 1942 to the present time, Mr. Wyatt has filled the office of assistant general superintendent of motive power of Norfolk and Western Railway, at Roanoke.

Mr. Wyatt is a member of the Rotary Club of Roanoke, and of the Roanoke Country Club and the Shenandoah Club. He and his family are communicants of the Methodist Church.

On June 24, 1930, Harry Cassell Wyatt married Frances Powell, daughter of William M. and Mary (Falls) Powell. Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt are the parents of two daughters: 1. Mary Ann, born February 8, 1932. 2. Betty, born March 10, 1939. They reside at 2401 Cornwallis Avenue, South Roanoke.

GEORGE SCOTT SHACKELFORD, JR. — Member of the firm of Hazlegrove, Shackelford and Carr, with offices in the Colonial-American National Bank Building in Roanoke, George S. Shackelford, Jr., is one of the outstanding members of the bar of that city, where he has practiced since 1922. He is past president of the Roanoke Bar Association, and active in the civic, commercial and fraternal affairs of his community.

Mr. Shackelford was born in Orange, Virginia, January 22, 1897, and is a son of George Scott and Virginia Minor (Randolph) Shackelford. His father was also a member of the bar, and of the bench as well, serving as judge of the Ninth Circuit Court of Virginia. After completing his secondary education, Mr. Shackelford entered Woodberry Forest School and the University of Virginia. His professional training was received at this state university, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1922. He was admitted to the bar of the State of Virginia in that year, and established practice in Roanoke, where he has continued ever since.

Mr. Shackelford is a partner in the firm of Hazlegrove, Shackelford and Carr, the other members of which are W. P. Hazlegrove and John D. Carr; associates, W. A. Dickinson, Carroll D. Rea, Beverley Eggleston and Joseph W. Smith. The firm specializes in corporation, insur-

ance and real estate law; and is counsel for the following concerns: First National Exchange Bank; the Norfolk and Western Railway; Virginia Bridge Company; Roanoke Gas Company; the American Oil Company; the Texas Company; the American Casualty Company; the Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company, and other leading corporations. Mr. Shackelford is himself a director of the First National Exchange Bank of Roanoke. He is professionally identified with the state and the American bar associations, as well as that of Roanoke; and is a member of Delta Psi fraternity.

Locally, Mr. Shackelford is a member and past president of the Rotary Club, past president of the Roanoke Country Club, a member of the Shenandoah Club and a member of the Roanoke Chamber of Commerce, of which he is also a former vice-president. He is a communicant of St. John's Protestant Episcopal Church in Roanoke.

During World War I, Mr. Shackelford served in the 76th Field Artillery with the rank of lieutenant. His outfit was attached to the 3rd Division, with which he served in France, 1917 to 1919; and during the combat period participated in the action at St. Mihiel and the Meuse-Argonne.

At Roanoke, Virginia, on February 26, 1926, George Scott Shackelford, Jr., married Evelyn Fishburn, daughter of Junis Blair and Grace (Parker) Fishburn. Mr. and Mrs. Shackelford are the parents of two children: 1. Parker, born January 20, 1929. 2. Scott, born September 20, 1933. They make their home at 2725 Longview Avenue, Southwest, Roanoke.

EDMUND. PENDLETON GOODWIN—A Virginian, university graduate, former major in the United States Army Air Corps, and business man of Roanoke, Edmund Pendleton Goodwin has been identified with the life and affairs of the city for a decade and more except for his tour of military duty during World War II. His commercial activities have been in the fields of finance, land development, less importantly with industry, in all of which he has contributed to the prosperity of the community and the welfare of its citizenry. Born in Roanoke, on December 10, 1905, Mr. Goodwin is the son of Thompson West Goodwin, born at Louisa, Virginia, October 30, 1863, died January 20, 1933, at Roanoke, Virginia, and Martha (Leftwich) Goodwin, born November 8, 1869, died June 7, 1934, at Roanoke, Virginia. His

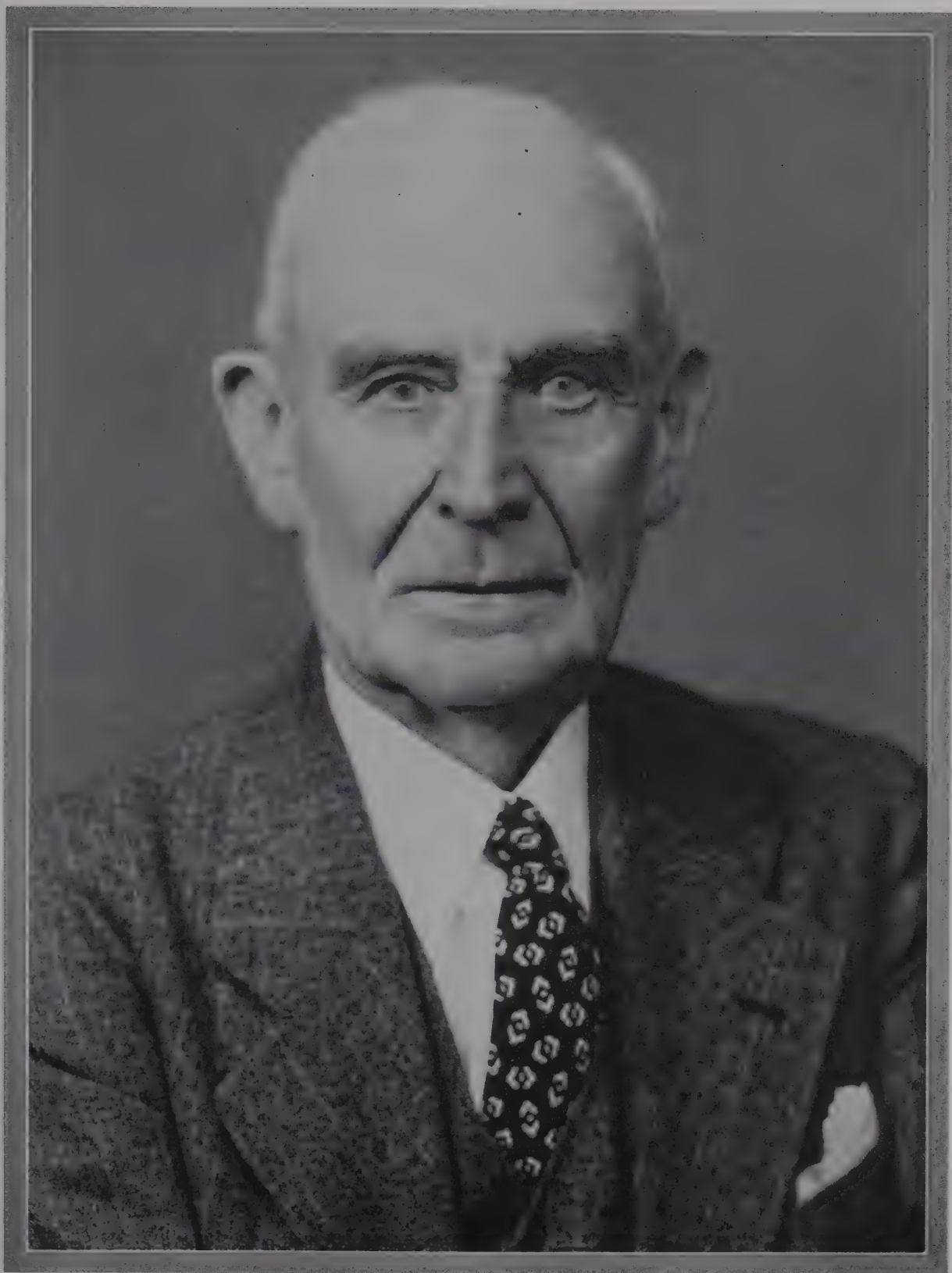
father was a well-known banker of Roanoke, Virginia.

After attending the public schools of his birth city, Episcopal High School and prep school, he matriculated at Columbia University, New York City, where he was graduated with the class of 1927, a Bachelor of Science. After a year as a student in the Law School of the University of Virginia, Edmund Pendleton Goodwin passed the bar examinations of the State in 1929. Instead of devoting himself to a practice as an attorney at law, Mr. Goodwin has used his professional knowledge in connection with business enterprises. In 1928 he became assistant secretary and treasurer of the Peoples Perpetual Savings and Loan Association, now the Peoples Federal Savings and Loan Association. With the passing years he rose to secretary and treasurer, vice-president, and has been its president since 1948. He likewise is president of the Crystal Spring Land Company, and a member of the board of directors of the Comas Cigarette Machine Company, of Salem, Virginia, a director of the First National Bank, of the city, and Goodwin and Company, Inc.

As indicated, Mr. Goodwin is a veteran of World War II, when he became a first lieutenant in the United States Army Air Corps, in 1942. Before he had been separated from the Armed Forces in 1945, he had won the rank of major in the Corps, and had seen active service in the North Pacific Theater of War, mainly in the Aleutian Islands area. Mr. Goodwin is a former chairman of the Roanoke Library Board, and co-operates constructively with many local projects and organizations that work for the best interests of Roanoke. He is a member of the Shenandoah Club, Roanoke Country Club, and Delta Kappa Epsilon. His religious affiliations are with St. John's Protestant Episcopal Church, in the city.

On June 15, 1934, at Roanoke, Virginia, Edmund Pendleton Goodwin married Louise Kent Morris, daughter of Edmund Taylor and Grace (Smith) Morris. Mr. and Mrs. Goodwin are the parents of two children, both born in Roanoke, Virginia: a daughter, Fenton Brooke, born May 13, 1938; and a son, Thompson West, born April 30, 1940.

HARVEY CARSON WISE—For years a banker at Lynchburg and Lexington, Harvey Carson Wise of Lexington is today one of the well-known insurance men of the Valley. His firm is Wise and Waddell, Inc., with offices in the Rockbridge National Bank Building. He represents a variety



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of insurance firms. His interest in public affairs and service has led him to serve on the Town Council and, in World War II, in a Government post without salary.

Mr. Wise was born in Frederick County on February 19, 1873, the son of Michael Adam and Mary E. (Canter) Wise. His father was a farmer in that county. The future banker and insurance man went to school at various points in Frederick County, including Winchester. He completed his education with business courses that prepared him for not only the general commercial world but banking and related fields. He first went into the banking business in Lynchburg, in 1894. Four years later he moved to Lexington and for the next twenty-five years was engaged in the same field there. At the end of this quarter century he entered the insurance business and in the nearly three decades that have passed he has become a prominent figure in the field, his firm, Wise and Waddell, Inc., being among the better known agencies underwriting general insurance. Besides his service on the Town Council and his volunteer work for the Government in World War II, Mr. Wise has given his services on the community level in almost every type of worthwhile program. He is a former member of the Fortnightly Club of Lexington and is an elder in the Presbyterian Church.

On December 7, 1905, at Orlando, Florida, Mr. Wise married Anna Halstead Turnbull, the daughter of the Rev. Dr. Lennox B. and Amelia R. (Ryerson) Turnbull. Mrs. Wise's father, who held the degree of Doctor of Divinity, was prominent in the Presbyterian Church and held important pastorates. The home address of Mr. Wise is 407 Jackson Avenue, Lexington, Virginia.

WILLIAM ATKINSON—In newspaper work, William Atkinson has effectively served the Roanoke district, having been managing editor of the Roanoke "Times" since 1928. He has adapted the policy of the paper to the best interests of the city and community, and has interested himself in a wide range of activities in this region of the South.

Mr. Atkinson was born September 22, 1899, at Pocahontas, Virginia, son of James Stewart and Janet (Main) Atkinson. His father was engaged in the plumbing business.

Roanoke public schools provided William Atkinson's early education through the high school grades, and afterwards he attended Roanoke

College. His first employment was on the Roanoke "Times," with which he has risen from the rank of proofreader. From 1921 to 1924 he served in that capacity, then was a reporter until 1926. In that year he became telegraph editor, so continuing until his appointment as the managing editor of the "Times" in 1928.

In addition to his work with this newspaper, Mr. Atkinson takes a deep interest in local affairs. He is a member of the Raleigh Court Presbyterian Church. During World War I he was a member of the Student Army Training Corps, at Roanoke College.

William Atkinson married, December 2, 1922, at Roanoke, Virginia, Clara Gillespie. They became the parents of three children: 1. William, born September 24, 1923. 2. Jean, born July 22, 1927. 3. James, born July 7, 1929.

FRANK GLADSTONE MINTER holds the office of deputy comptroller of the Norfolk and Western Railway Company, with offices at Roanoke. This office he has held since June, 1945; and he has been associated with this railway since 1911. Mr. Minter is an active and popular figure in civic and fraternal affairs in his home city.

A native of Henry County, Virginia, Frank Gladstone Minter was born October 26, 1891, and is a son of Luther T. and Susan Anne Minter. On completing a public school education, Mr. Minter entered the traffic department of the Norfolk and Western Railway in May, 1911, and he remained there until June 1, 1918. From June 1 to October 15, 1918, Mr. Minter was in the traffic department of the Norfolk Southern, during the period of federal control. From October 15 to April, 1919, he was clerk in the office of the comptroller; and from April, 1919, until March, 1933, was special agent to the comptroller. In March, 1933, Mr. Minter became special representative of the comptroller, so serving until December 1, 1935. From that time until March 1, 1937, he was assistant to the comptroller, and was assistant comptroller from March 1, 1937, until May 31, 1945. He was made deputy comptroller of the Norfolk and Western Railway, June 1, 1945. He is a member of the General Tax Committee, the Committee on Statistics, and Special Accounting Committee on Research of the Accounting Division of the American Association of Railroads.

Mr. Minter is a member of the Roanoke Country Club. He is fraternally identified with

the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons and with the Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, having attained the thirty-second degree in Masonry. He was formerly a member of the lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a Methodist in his religious faith, and a Democrat in his politics.

On October 24, 1917, Frank Gladstone Minter married Mildred Esther Hunter, daughter of John H. and Florence A. (Staples) Hunter. Mr. and Mrs. Minter are the parents of three children: 1. Hunter, who was born February 5, 1920. He held the rank of first lieutenant in the United States Army Air Corps, and died in the defense of his country at Laioun, French Morocco, on April 17, 1943. Lieutenant Minter rests at the United States Air Corps Cemetery at Tunis, in Tunisia, North Africa. 2. Frances. 3. Barbara.

CLIFTON A. WOODRUM, JR.—A prominent younger member of the bar of Roanoke, Clifton A. Woodrum, Jr., has practiced in that city since the termination of World War II, and also for a period before the war. He served during that conflict as an officer in the Marine Corps; and he has also held peacetime government posts with the Treasury Department and the National Archives. He is now a member of the law firm of Woodrum and Staples, with offices in the Shenandoah Building.

Clifton A. Woodrum, Jr., was born February 12, 1910, in Roanoke, and is a son of Clifton A. Woodrum of Roanoke, and of Martha Lena (Hancock) Woodrum, of Bedford County, Virginia. Clifton A. Woodrum, Sr., was a prominent attorney and jurist of Virginia, and was for over twenty years an influential member of the United States Congress representing the Sixth District of Virginia. At present he is president of the American Plant Food Council, Washington, D. C.

Beginning his education in the elementary and high schools of Roanoke, Clifton A. Woodrum, Jr., graduated in 1930 from Virginia Military Institute at Lexington, Virginia, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. In 1933 he graduated from Washington and Lee University with the degree of Bachelor of Law. For a year after graduation, he was engaged in the practice of law in Roanoke. From 1935 until 1940, he was in Washington, D. C., where he was successively an attorney on the staff of the General Counsel of the Treasury Department, Assistant Director of the Division of the Federal Registrar of the National Archives

and Senior Trial Attorney for the Securities Exchange Commission.

On November 7, 1940, he was called to active duty with the organized Marine Corps Reserve as a first lieutenant. He served with the Marine Corps in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and in the Pacific where he saw service in the Aleutian Islands and on Tarawa, Makin and Kwajalein islands. He was released from active duty in September, 1945, as a lieutenant colonel. He returned to Roanoke where he resumed the private practice of law and is at present senior member of the law firm of Woodrum and Staples.

Mr. Woodrum is a member of St. John's Episcopal Church, Roanoke Country Club, Shenandoah Club, Roanoke Assembly, the bar associations of Roanoke and the State of Virginia, Kappa Sigma social fraternity, and Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity.

In 1935, Clifton A. Woodrum, Jr., married Margaret Troy Lanier of Huntsville, Alabama, a graduate of Sweetbriar College. They are the parents of two sons: 1. Clifton A., III, born July 23, 1938. 2. Milton Lanier, born July 7, 1942.

WILLIAM RUSH WHITMAN, M.D.—As Chief Surgeon of the Norfolk and Western Railway Company, Dr. William Rush Whitman of Roanoke has established a reputation among not only medical men associated with railroads and the medical profession at large, but also among the Southern leaders of movements aimed at improving the public health, the general welfare and educational programs and among those devoting themselves to civic, Valley and regional developments. Dr. Whitman has been active for years in all these phases of life.

Born at Pulaski, Virginia, on September 25, 1876, Dr. Whitman is the son of William H. and Sarah Jane (Sutton) Whitman. His father, a farmer, served with General John Cabell Breckinridge in the War Between the States. After attending the elementary and high schools of Pulaski, the future medical man entered Roanoke College, where in 1896 he took the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He then prepared for the profession at the famed College of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia University in New York City, where in 1901 he was awarded the degree of Doctor of Medicine. From 1901 to 1903 he interned at Gouverneur Hospital in downtown New York and then established himself at Bramwell, West Virginia, in private practice. There he remained until in 1912 he formed a partnership with

Dr. S. S. Gale for the operation of the Lewis-Gale Hospital in Roanoke, and since that time he has been associated with that institution. He became Chief Surgeon of the Norfolk and Western in 1927. Dr. Whitman's activities outside of the profession are extensive. He is on the board of trustees of Roanoke College and is past president of both the Roanoke Community Fund and the Kiwanis Club of Roanoke, having served in that capacity in the latter in 1944. He is also a former member of the board of directors of the Roanoke Chamber of Commerce. In addition he belongs to the Shenandoah Club and the Roanoke Country Club. As early as 1919 he was president of the Roanoke Academy of Medicine. He worships in the Greene Memorial Methodist Church.

Dr. Whitman married Anna C. Taylor, daughter of the Rev. Dr. James B. and Fannie (Callandine) Taylor, at Richmond on June 27, 1906. Mrs. Whitman died on January 27, 1946. Four children were born to the marriage: Mrs. Anna Whitman King, Mrs. Frances Whitman Saunders, Dr. William R. Whitman, Jr., and Nancy Louise Whitman. Dr. Whitman's residence is at 2536 Cornwallis Avenue, S.E., Roanoke.

ALPHONSO THOMAS KINSEY — Over a quarter of a century Alphonso Thomas Kinsey has been active in finance, realty and insurance in Roanoke. He entered this field from railroad-ing, wherein accountancy was his work, and found vocations that have since proven sufficiently interesting to engage his best endeavors. Apart from his engrossing business connections he has devoted time and energies to community affairs.

Born on a farm in Franklin County, Alphonso Thomas Kinsey is the son of Orrin A. and Susan A. (Tench) Kinsey, his father being a farmer. He early decided that he would engage in some other occupation than agriculture, and after completing his formal education entered the long established National Business College at Roanoke, where he completed full courses in business administration with emphasis upon accounting. Several years after the turn of the century he entered the employ of the Norfolk and Western Railway Company as a clerk and later bookkeeper in the auditor's office, and also eventually in the comptroller's department. In 1925 he resigned this position to go in business for himself, and became associated with R. L. Rush and Son, realtors of Roanoke. At the same time he was connected with the Roanoke Industrial Loan Corporation, as a

member of the board of directors. Later he was elected president of the company and chairman of the board, posts he currently holds. His enterprise and judgment have been of great value to the concern and its clients. He severed his connection with R. L. Rush and Son, and in 1940 established the A. T. Kinsey Insurance Agency, dealers in fire and automobile insurance in the Roanoke area. In addition to overseeing the operation of this company, as its head, he likewise is president of the Evergreen Development Company, Inc., and the cemetery of like name. He was a member of the municipal government, as a councilman, when Roanoke changed to the commission form of control. His civic service covered some six years. Mr. Kinsey is a member and former president of the Roanoke Insurance Association, and continues with the Roanoke Real Estate Board. His religious affiliations are with the Calvary Baptist Church of the city.

JOSEPH THOMAS ENGLEBY, JR. — From 1921, Joseph Thomas Engleby, Jr., has practiced law in Roanoke, and has become one of its leading members of the bar. Mr. Engleby is attorney for several banking organizations, and takes an active part in Republican politics.

Born in Roanoke, July 13, 1893, Joseph Thomas Engleby, Jr., is a son of Joseph Thomas and Estelle Godfrey Engleby. His father engaged in the wholesale and retail plumbing and heating business in Roanoke. In that city, Mr. Engleby completed his grade and high school education, after which he entered Virginia Polytechnic Institute. He continued his advanced studies at Roanoke College, and received the degree of Bachelor of Laws at Washington and Lee University.

Before Mr. Engleby had begun the practice of law or had been admitted to the bar, he was engaged for three years in the automobile supply business. His practice of law dates from 1921, and he has maintained offices in Roanoke throughout the intervening period. His business address is the Shenandoah Building on Henry Street, Roanoke. Mr. Engleby is attorney for the Federal Land Bank of Baltimore and the Roanoke Industrial Loan Corporation of Roanoke. He is a stockholder in the Colonial-American National Bank of Roanoke.

Prominent in the councils of his political party, the Republican, Mr. Engleby has been a chairman of the party's organization in Roanoke for seven years. During World War I, Mr. Engleby en-

tered military service, as a member of the 313th Field Artillery, which was attached to the 80th Division. He was in action during the St. Mihiel campaign and others.

Fraternally, Mr. Engleby is a member of the lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and is a former commander of his post of the American Legion. Locally, he is a member of the Hidden Valley Country Club. His fraternities are Kappa Alpha and Phi Delta Phi, the latter being a legal fraternity. He and his family attend the Methodist Church.

On September 27, 1928, Joseph Thomas Engleby, Jr., married Ida Sizer, daughter of Harry A. and Gertrude (McNeill) Sizer. Mr. and Mrs. Engleby are the parents of two children: 1. Joseph Thomas, III, born October 2, 1929. 2. Dudley Sizer, born February 12, 1931. The Engleby family resides on R.F.D. Route #4, near Roanoke.

EDGAR WARREN DENTON — As president and general manager of J. S. Denton and Sons' store in Harrisonburg, Edgar Warren Denton heads an enterprise which has become the largest furniture and floor-covering establishment in the Shenandoah Valley. Forty years ago, Mr. Denton entered partnership with his father in this firm, and previous to that time he had had experience in its operations. He has come into prominence in his own community, not only as a successful merchant who has been largely responsible for building this retailing venture up to its present proportions, but also as a civic-minded citizen and loyal churchman.

Mr. Denton, who is a native of Bridgewater, Virginia, was born October 16, 1889, son of Jefferson Simon and Virginia (Jenkins) Denton. His father, a pioneer merchant in the furniture field in the Shenandoah Valley, was born near Rushville, Rockingham County, in 1855. He apprenticed himself in the carpenter's trade as a young man, and later became a skilled cabinetmaker. It was perhaps this which drew his attention to the possibilities of the furniture business, and the need for a reputable establishment specializing in that field in his own territory. He entered partnership in a furniture retailing venture in Bridgewater in 1878. This partnership was later terminated, and he opened a store in his own name in Basic City, which was a "boom town" during those days. There was a slump in prosperity, however, in 1896, and J. S. Denton left Basic City and returned to Rockingham, where he followed his old trade of

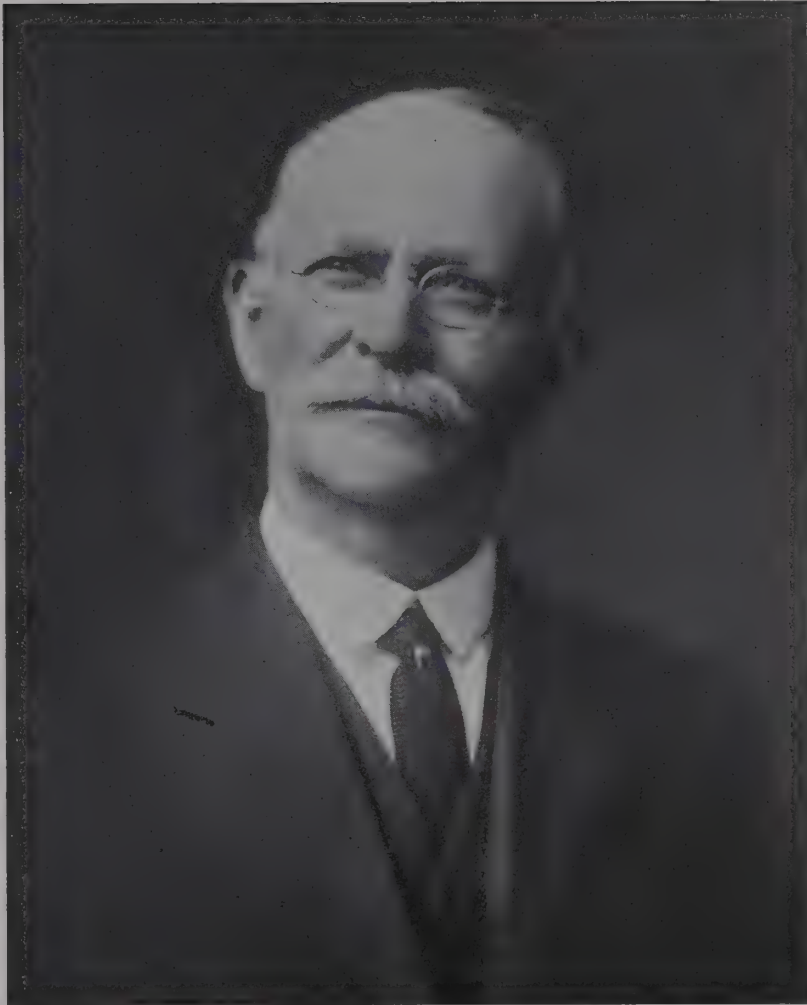
millwright. Determined, however, that in furniture retailing lay his true career, he at the earliest opportunity opened a store on West Market Street in Harrisonburg. The first scene of his merchandising activities in the city, which has come to regard him as the founder of its furniture trade, was in a fifteen-by-twenty-foot room. However, his invariable policy of courtesy, service, and customer satisfaction assured the success of his enterprise, and it has continued, under the direction of his sons, to retain the good favor and confidence of the public, and to grow in size as a vital part of the community's life.

E. Warren Denton, Sr., is the elder of the sons of Jefferson Simon and Virginia (Jenkins) Denton. He first attended public schools in Bridgewater, when his father was engaged in business there, and completed his education at Harrisonburg. In his eighteenth year, he went to work for his father in the furniture business which the elder man had founded two years previously in Harrisonburg. In 1909, he had learned the rudiments of furniture retailing thoroughly, and was deemed by his father to be ready for a partnership status in the business. J. S. Denton died in 1930, but before that time E. Warren Denton, Sr., had become largely responsible for the operation of the company. A brother, Bernard T., joined the firm subsequently and is today its secretary and treasurer. An account of the growth of the firm was thus given in the pages of the Harrisonburg "Daily News-Record" for April 4, 1949, when the fortieth anniversary of the establishment of the business as a partnership was celebrated. This account reads in part:

The firm of J. S. Denton and Sons was founded in 1905 in the old Paul Building on West Market Street by J. S. Denton, in a room about 15 by 20 feet. Under his experienced guidance and growing reputation for reliability, the business thrived, and in 1911 he took up larger quarters on the same street. The phenomenal growth of the business demanded an ever-increasing amount of floor space and in 1917 the Judge James Kenney property on West Court Square was purchased. This historic old mansion was built of brick shipped from England in 1809.

On this property the present commodious and handsome five-story building was erected in 1922-23 at a cost of \$85,000.00. It is 50 by 155 feet containing 30,000 square feet of floor space. An additional storage room in the rear of the building on Liberty Street was later purchased giving them a plant conservatively valued at \$200,000.00.

In 1932 the third and fourth floors were remodeled and converted into eighteen furnished apartments, which are highly desirable, due to their central location and many conveniences.



J. S. Denton

More recently the Dentons undertook another building project, constructing a large four-story brick, cinder block and steel warehouse on South Liberty Street at a cost exceeding one hundred thousand dollars. The firm has pioneered in many ways. It was the first Harrisonburg firm to inaugurate an out-of-town delivery service. On another occasion it attracted considerable public attention by giving away free gifts to new-born children, on their arrival as the "youngest members of the community." Such forward steps in public relations have kept alive the original traditions of the store as founded by J. S. Denton, whose policy of "extra services and courtesies" built a backlog of good-will which has brought the store returns in the form of continued prosperity through the years.

Alive to all recent developments in his field, E. Warren Denton, Sr., is a member of the Southern Furniture Dealers Association. He is a charter member of the Kiwanis Club in his home community, and is fraternally identified with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Long active in the work of the Methodist Church, he is past president and currently secretary of the Brotherhood Bible Class.

Mr. Denton's brother, Bernard T., better known among his friends and throughout the community as Jack, joined the firm in 1919 on his return from service in World War I. Likewise interested in civic affairs, he has served as president of the Chamber of Commerce, and was mayor of Harrisonburg from 1944 to 1948. He was a founder of the Rion-Bowman Post No. 632, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and has been active in other local groups. He is also a member of the Methodist Church. His position in the firm of J. S. Denton and Sons is that of secretary and treasurer.

Edgar Warren Denton married, in Washington, D. C., August 12, 1912, Lola Swisher, daughter of John and Carrie Vance (Taylor) Swisher. Mrs. Denton's mother was a descendant of Daniel Taylor, who served in the Revolutionary War, and for whom a post of the Daughters of the American Revolution is named. This post is located in Mineral County, West Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Denton are the parents of a son, Edgar Warren, Jr., who was born June 15, 1926. He has now joined the firm of J. S. Denton and Sons. During the concluding period of his postgraduate courses in business at Madison College, he devoted some of his time to learning the rudiments of the business. He is a graduate of Harrisonburg High

School, where he was active in sports, particularly basketball and football, and on his graduation entered Randolph-Macon College at Ashland, Virginia. There he won his letter in basketball, and was co-captain of his team in 1948. He is a member of Kappa Alpha (social) and Beta Beta Beta (honorary) fraternities.

REGINALD MARVIN WOOD—Of the insurance business Reginald Marvin Wood has made a career that has marched on in a most testing field of endeavor with marked efficiency and success. As assistant manager for Travelers Insurance Company and later vice-president of the Securities Insurance Corporation of Roanoke, he has been a resident of this city for the past eight years, prominent in community life and organizations.

Born at Free Union, Virginia, on May 27, 1909, Reginald Marvin Wood is the son of William Eli and Myrtie C. (Via) Wood, his father a farmer and contractor. Raised on his father's farm, he attended the public schools of Free Union and Charlottesville, Albemarle County, before being graduated from Lane High School, Charlottesville, in 1928. He later was a student at Lynchburg College for nearly three years, and completed his higher education in the University of Virginia. He combined commercial training with business activities, at Hartford, Connecticut, in the school maintained by the Travelers Insurance Company, for several months before joining the Richmond, Virginia, branch office of that company as field assistant. He remained in that city until 1942 when he transferred to the Roanoke office of the company as assistant manager of the Virginia territory. On January 1, 1946, he became associated with Francis R. Porter in the Securities Insurance Corporation of Roanoke, dealers in general insurance. Of the concern Mr. Wood is vice-president, and he is considered one of the best insurance men in the Shenandoah Valley.

Mr. Wood is a member of the board of directors of the Mountain Trust Bank, of Roanoke, and financially interested in several enterprises. He keeps in touch with colleagues and competitors by membership in the Virginia Association of Insurance Agents, Inc., serving on its board of directors since 1949. In this same year he was elected president of the Roanoke Association of Insurance Agents. His local memberships include those in the Lions Club, and the Hidden Valley Country Club, of which he is treasurer. Fraternally

he is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is a member of the Lodge, the Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, the Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and he serves on the board of the Goodwill Industries and Goodwill Mission. He and his family are communicants of the Salem Baptist Church, wherein he serves on the official board.

On June 21, 1934, in Maryland, Reginald Marvin Wood married Sue Hunter Bass, who was born in Ingram, Virginia, daughter of John F. and Cecil (Ould) Bass. Mr. and Mrs. Wood are the parents of a daughter: Nancy Lovelace, born November 15, 1938.

HEATH JOHNSON CHILDRESS, JR.—In the business life of Roanoke, Heath Johnson Childress, Jr., is one of its younger group who are constantly to the fore in community affairs and movements undertaken to advance its material and cultural progress. After varied experience he became associated with the Roanoke Industrial Loan Corporation, in executive capacities, and proved his abilities and judgment in matters financial.

Born at Hillsville, Carroll County, Virginia, on August 9, 1916, Heath Johnson Childress is the son of Heath Johnson and Mamie Sue (Hall) Childress, his father being connected with the insurance business. Graduated from the Hillsville High School in 1933, he continued his education in the College of William and Mary (1933-36); Emory and Henry College (1936-37); and Washington and Lee University (1937-38). His initiation as a business man was as assistant manager of the Warren Green Hotel. Since then he has been office manager for C. L. Overstreet and Company; superintendent of warehouse, with the Pierce Butler Radio Corporation; timekeeper superintendent of Wiley N. Jackson Company; inspector with the Bureau of Public Roads; and assistant secretary-treasurer of the Roanoke Industrial Loan Corporation. With this company he likewise is a member of the board of directors and serves on the executive committee. During World War II, he was with the United States Navy in both the European and the Pacific Theaters of War, from October, 1943, to May, 1946, with the AATB, Salerno, Italy, Supply Department, and was chief storekeeper on the U.S.S. "Kermit Roosevelt," Tsingtao, China. In Roanoke, Mr. Childress, Jr., is a member and at present secretary, of the Optimist Club, especially

interested in helping the young and underprivileged, and is affiliated with Lakeland Lodge No. 190, Free and Accepted Masons, Roanoke. He is a member of the Cotillion Club of Roanoke. His college fraternity is Sigma Nu, and he is a member of the executive committee of Roanoke Alumini Chapter, College of William and Mary. He belongs to the United States Trotting Association. He attends Christ Lutheran Church, Roanoke.

Mr. Childress, Jr., is associated with his father in raising standard bred horses on his farm, "Heathdale Farm," at Cave Springs, close to Roanoke.

On October 12, 1942, at Columbia, South Carolina, Heath Johnson Childress, Jr., married Hazel King, daughter of Thomas Jesse King, Jr., and the former Minnie Alice Shumate.

HARRY DODGE McREYNOLDS—Eminently successful in the one line of business in which he has engaged, Harry Dodge McReynolds is one of the leaders in the automotive trade as president of the Johnson-McReynolds Chevrolet Corporation, of Roanoke. In addition to prominence in the commercial circles of the city, he has broadened the scope of his personal interests in the promotion of the progress of Roanoke and the welfare of its citizens. Without ever seeking political office he has labored in community endeavors and is liberal in his contributions to humanitarian agencies.

Born at Washington, D. C., on June 18, 1909, Mr. McReynolds is a son of William Emmett and Elsie (Dodge) McReynolds. He grew up acquainted with his father's business, that of dealing in carriages and commercial wagons in the national capital city. The elder man later entered the automobile trade, perhaps setting a pattern for his son. Harry D. McReynolds began his education in the public schools of his birthplace, and was graduated from the Devitt Preparatory School, in Washington, class of 1926. His further education was rounded out in George Washington University, and the Benjamin Franklin University, both of Washington, D. C.

The first important business connection of Mr. McReynolds was as salesman in the automotive field, and in varied capacities he was so engaged until 1937. In that year he came to Roanoke as district manager for the General Motors Corporation in this city. In February, 1941, he became a partner as a dealer in Chevrolet products. Since 1948 he has been president of Johnson-

McReynolds Chevrolet Corporation, of Roanoke, an outstanding figure in the distribution of motor cars in this area.

Mr. McReynolds is a member of the board of directors of the Mountain Trust Bank of Roanoke. A popular clubman, he is a member of the Rotary Club, the Shenandoah Club, the Roanoke Country Club, and the Farmington Country Club of Charlottesville. His college fraternity is Sigma Nu, and he attends St. John's Episcopal Church, Roanoke.

At Washington, D. C., on December 15, 1945, Harry Dodge McReynolds married Elizabeth Hancock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John William Hancock.

ELBERT MURRAY COULTER—Probably no man in Roanoke contributed more to the education in business in the city, Virginia, and neighboring States than Elbert Murray Coulter who devoted fifty active years to teaching in and directing the National Business College of the city. Since shortly after the turn of the century he had been the owner and head of what became an honored institution with the passing years. When he retired as its president in 1946 it was with the esteem and loyal affection of the host of pupils that had come under his instruction and had been influenced by his character and personality.

Elbert Murray Coulter was born in Pike County, Illinois, on July 30, 1871, son of John A. and Mary F. (Jones) Coulter, his father being a pioneer lumberman and farmer. Raised on his father's place and in contact with agriculture at its hardest as a child, he determined to acquire a sound education and make a career in some other field than farming. To this end he went on from the grammar and high schools of Pittsfield, Illinois, and Hume, Missouri, to the Kansas Normal College, Fort Scott, Kansas, where he was graduated with the class of 1890. Seven years later he was graduated from the Zanerian Art College, Columbus, Ohio, having completed courses in the Gem City Business College, at Quincy, Illinois, in 1891.

As a business administration teacher in the South, Mr. Coulter came to Roanoke, Virginia, in 1896, to teach in the National Business College of the city. He was immediately appointed principal of the commercial department, and in 1898 purchased a half-interest in the school. In 1901 he acquired the whole institution and began what was a distinguished career as its head. He kept abreast of the times and improvements in business education and gathered about him many

skilled and talented instructors. His "boys and girls" went out into the commerce of the nation well fitted for the tasks that lay ahead. After fifty years with the school, Mr. Coulter retired from personal teaching on September 1, 1946. It had been a fruitful and important accomplishment. When he stepped aside it was to have M. A. Smythe succeed to the presidency, with a son, Murray K. Coulter, as vice-president. Of the organizations in which he retains membership the Masonic Order is the most notable, being affiliated with the Blue Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, the Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, the Commandery, Knights Templar, and the Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He attends the First Presbyterian Church of Roanoke.

On October 27, 1902, at Roanoke, Virginia, Elbert Murray Coulter married Miss Mary Elva Keedick, who was born at Mt. Vernon, Iowa, the daughter of John and Rebecca (Green) Keedick. Mr. and Mrs. Coulter are the parents of two children: 1. Dorothy V., born in October, 1907, who married James C. Hancock. 2. Murray Keedick, born June 1, 1912, currently being the vice-president of the National Business College, Roanoke.

PAUL SHAFER STONESIFER—With the National Exchange Bank of Roanoke, Paul Shafer Stonesifer has been identified since he received the Master of Arts degree from Princeton University, some thirty-five years ago. He has served this strong institution in varied capacities down through this period, and has been its vice-president for more than a decade. He has a host of friends in all walks of life, and is admired for his readiness to aid others and to cooperate with projects that work for the best interests of the city.

Born at Roanoke, Virginia, on September 9, 1890, Paul Shafer Stonesifer is a son of Charles M. and Rosella Stonesifer, his father being for many years associated with the Norfolk and Western Railway. After preparing for higher education in the schools of his birthplace, he matriculated at Roanoke College, at Salem, where he was graduated a Bachelor of Arts, with the class of 1913. He then entered Princeton University, New Jersey, and received the Master of Arts degree in 1914. On August 15, 1914, Mr. Stonesifer entered the employ of the National Exchange Bank of Roanoke, in a minor capacity, and began that long career in finance that is usually characterized by experience in practically every depart-

ment of banking, with openings for promotion few and far between. His progress was exceptional in that in 1920 he was appointed trust officer, despite the fact that in 1917-18 he was engaged in World War I Army service. In 1938 Mr. Stonesifer was elected to his current post, of vice-president. His knowledge and experience in banking, especially that phase of it in which he specializes, is highly rated, and since these are placed at the behest of a large clientele of the institution, greatly appreciated by the public. As indicated, he was one of those young men who entered the United States Army in 1918, for World War I service. Assigned to the Officers Training School, at Camp Taylor, Louisville, Kentucky, he there received a commission as second lieutenant in the Field Artillery, in 1918. In Roanoke, although a lifelong citizen of the community, he is directly connected with very few organizations, but figures prominently in the Rotary Club. He attends the First Presbyterian Church.

On March 24, 1920, at Roanoke, Virginia, Paul S. Stonesifer married Mildred Burnett, daughter of W. E. and Margaret (Willson) Burnett. Mr. and Mrs. Stonesifer are the parents of two children: 1. Paul S., Jr., born July 21, 1922. 2. Sara M., born June 6, 1928.

URSHER LEE FIFER—Operating his own building supply, lumber and millwork business in Harrisonburg, Ursher Lee Fifer heads what is known as the U. L. Fifer and Sons Company here. His business background is varied and inclusive, and his experience includes a wide range of public service.

Mr. Fifer was born December 24, 1895, in Weyers Cave, Augusta County, Virginia, son of George Calvin and Ida Margaret (Landis) Fifer. His father was for years engaged in farming operations.

Ursher Lee Fifer attended graded schools in Harmony between 1902 and 1904, completing his graded school studies in Burkettown in 1911. From then until 1915 he was a student at Weyers Cave High School, then entered William and Mary College on October 12, 1919. On September 1, 1922, he was graduated as a Bachelor of Business Administration and Accounting. Working on the home farm of his family until he was twenty years of age, he also taught in Augusta County public schools until 1917 and had time out for war-time naval service between 1917 and 1919. He taught bookkeeping and accounting at John

Marshall High School at Richmond, Virginia, for the William and Mary Extension Course during the school year of 1922. Upon completing his college course, he was employed by the State and City Bank and Trust Company of Richmond, Virginia, which later became the Planters' Bank. There he was engaged in the auditing department, centering his activities in Richmond throughout that period. He began his work in that connection on September 22, 1922, continuing until October, 1923; he also taught for William and Mary College at Newport News High School in 1923. In October, 1923, he was made assistant to Colonel L. W. Lane, treasurer of William and Mary College, in Williamsburg, Virginia. He served in that capacity until March 10, 1924, when he came to Harrisonburg.

His initial Harrisonburg work was as head of the office and bookkeeping department of the Harrisonburg Building and Supply Company, general contractors and operators of a lumber and building supply yard and woodworking plant. He served the company in that capacity until 1943, then was vice-president and manager until 1945 and secretary and manager until June 14, 1947. It was on July 18, that year, that he established the U. L. Fifer and Sons Company, which he has successfully conducted down to the time of writing.

Much of Mr. Fifer's spare-time activity is concerned with his work with the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. In the Legion he is affiliated with Harrisonburg Post No. 27. His Veterans of Foreign Wars connection is with Harrisonburg Post No. 632, in which he has served as chaplain, junior vice-commander, senior vice-president, commander and quartermaster. Mr. Fifer's wartime service began on May 23, 1917, when he enlisted in the navy. He was assigned to the Hospital Corps as a hospital apprentice, second class, later becoming a hospital apprentice, first class, then a pharmacist's mate, third class; pharmacist's mate, second class; and pharmacist's mate, first class. From the date of his enlistment until October, 1917, Mr. Fifer served at the Marine Training Camp on Paris Island, then was at a similar camp at Quantico, Virginia, until January, 1918, with the 6th Regiment, United States Marines, 2nd Division. His overseas service was centered in France, Belgium and Luxembourg, where he continued active from the beginning of 1918 until the armistice, then was with the Army of Occupation in Germany from December 13, 1918, until August, 1919.



U. L. Lifer

In World War II, Mr. Fifer served on a local Harrisonburg advisory board, helping draftees to fill in their application forms and rendering other valuable services. His citation for his service in World War I is among his prized possessions. He was one of seven Virginians, all Navy and Marine Corps officers, who were awarded the Distinguished Service Medal under date of November 11, 1920, the notice reading as follows:

THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
Washington

11 November 1920.

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL to

URSHER LEE FIFER, Ph. M. 3c, USN for services during the World War as set forth in the following:

CITATION:

"For extraordinary heroism while serving with the U.S. Marines. On June 6th 1918, at Bouresches, dressed and evacuated the wounded from a wheat field swept by heavy artillery and machine gun fire. His heroic conduct steadied the lines and spurred the attacking platoons on. Also, in action near Vierzy on July 19th, 1918, he advanced with infantry through heavy machine gun fire, administering aid to wounded, and taking them to the rear under heavy fire, he fearlessly ran along a line exposed to snipers and machine gun fire to direct guards to wounded men."

For the President.
JOSEPHUS DANIELS
Secretary of the Navy.

In addition, Mr. Fifer was awarded the Croix de Guerre with gold star by General Petain on June 6, 1918, and a similar decoration by the same high French military officer on July 19, that year, in recognition of the actions recounted in the above American citation. Mr. Fifer intends to make application for the United States Army's Silver Star with four oak leaf clusters as the war department has notified him that he is entitled to this for the following citations:

Vierzy, France, July 19, 1918, signed by Major General John A. Lejeune, U.S.M.C., commanding.

St. Etienne, France, October 8, 1918, signed by John J. Pershing, commander-in-chief.

Bois de Belleau, France, June 8, 1918, signed by Omar Bundy, major general, U.S.A.

St. Etienne, France, October 8-9, 1918, signed by John A. Lejeune, major general, U.S.M.C.

The French government made a still further citation to Headquarters Company of the Sixth Regiment of the United States Army concerning Mr. Fifer, authorizing him to wear the Four-

ragene, a decoration in green and red, of the same colors as the French Croix de Guerre.

In addition to his other undertakings, Mr. Fifer is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the United Commercial Travelers. He belongs to the Methodist Church in Harrisonburg.

Urscher Lee Fifer married, September 17, 1924, at Sycalin Methodist Church, in Loudoun County, Virginia, Mary Helen Shumate, a native of that county, daughter of Joseph Helm and Alma (Paxton) Shumate. Mr. and Mrs. Fifer became the parents of three children, all born at Harrisonburg, Virginia: 1. Walter Edwin, born April 2, 1927; a graduate of the Walton School of Commerce, at Chicago, Illinois, 1949; married Nancy Dean, of Harrisonburg, October 15, 1949. 2. Joseph Shumate, born August 8, 1929; attended Madison College. 3. George Lee, born January 9, 1932; attended Bridgewater College.

JACK WEST KEPNER—Among the younger group of trained electrical engineers who are participating in the building of a new era in power is Jack West Kepner, assistant superintendent of system operations for the Appalachian Electric Power Company at Roanoke.

Mr. Kepner was born at Sistersville, West Virginia, on April 3, 1916, the son of Royal Thomas Kepner, a contractor, and Edith Christina (West) Kepner. Following his graduation from the Sistersville high school in 1934, Jack Kepner prepared for his career at West Virginia University, Morgantown, where in 1939 he was awarded the degree of Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering. Soon thereafter he was employed as an electrical engineer at the Cabin Creek Steam Plant of the Appalachian Electric Power Company, Cabincreek, West Virginia. There he supervised in electrical maintenance at the Cabincreek steam plant and three hydro electric plants on the Kanawha River and was made assistant chief electrical engineer in July, 1943. In February, 1949, he was transferred to Roanoke as assistant to the superintendent of system operations, a year later was made assistant superintendent, and in this post he is extending both his knowledge of the public utilities field and his reputation in the field. He is active in the Masonic order, Kappa Alpha fraternity, and Roanoke (Williamson Road) Lions Club. His church is the Oakland Baptist of Roanoke.

Mr. Kepner married Doris Mae Hartley, daughter of Fletcher G. Hartley and Pauline (Spencer)

Hartley, on June 16, 1941. They have a daughter, Ann Maria Kepner, who was born on March 14, 1946, and a son, Dan Fletcher Kepner, who was born November 24, 1949.

Mr. Kepner's home address is 3939 Richland Avenue, Roanoke.

KENNETH RHODES HYDE—Thus far in his busy career, Kenneth Rhodes Hyde of Roanoke, has been engaged in hotel management. He has become one of the Shenandoah Valley's conspicuous figures in this field, for he has been identified with hostelrys not only in Roanoke, but in other communities throughout the Valley. He has, for more than a decade, been manager of the Roanoke Hotel; and travelers from far and wide, to this Virginia city, have become familiar with his qualities as administrator, and the hospitality extended by his organization.

Mr. Hyde is a native of Clear Spring, Washington County, Maryland. He was born February 16, 1907, and is a son of Charles Alfred and Blanche (Rhodes) Hyde, who were farming people. After graduation from Clear Spring high school, in 1924, he took, by correspondence, the Lewis Hotel Training Course (1924-1925); and he also took a summer course in hotel administration in 1928, at Cornell University.

From his earliest years in the hotel field, Mr. Hyde showed resourcefulness and accepted considerable responsibility. He helped to organize and open the George Washington Hotel in Winchester, Virginia, in 1924—a hostelry which was one of a chain which we shall consider later. His first position in connection with this hotel's operation was as night auditor. He remained there for only a year, however—until 1925—before associating himself with the Molly Pitcher Hotel in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, which was operated under the same management. Here for a period of a year he was employed in the capacity of room clerk. In 1926, Mr. Hyde went to Martinsburg, West Virginia, and helped open the Shenandoah Hotel, another in the chain. Of this hotel, he became assistant manager. He next helped to open, in 1927, the Cavalier Hotel at Virginia Beach, and here, too, he gained further valuable experience as assistant manager. All of the hotels with which Mr. Hyde had thus far been associated had been owned and operated by the American Hotel Corporation.

When, however, he came to Roanoke as assistant manager of the Roanoke Hotel in 1928, he termi-

nated his connection with this chain, and has not been identified with it since. He took over management of the Roanoke Hotel in 1930. For a few years since that time, 1935 to 1938, he went with the John Marshall Hotel, Richmond, Virginia, as manager, but returned to the Roanoke in 1938 and has been its associate manager since that time.

A break in Mr. Hyde's period of hotel management occurred when, from 1943 to 1946, he served in the United States Navy. During those wartime years, he was assigned to the Fifth Naval District, Norfolk, Virginia, and attended Armed Guard School at Camp Shelton. He served in the rank of lieutenant senior grade, as officer in charge of B.O.Q. and officers' mess, thus being one of those whose peacetime experience better enabled them to serve their country in time of war.

Mr. Hyde is affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and has advanced to the thirty-second degree, joining the Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is president of Shenandoah Valley, Inc., for the year of 1950 and has been a member of this organization for twenty years. Mr. Hyde is also identified locally with the Roanoke Country Club and the Lions Club. He and his family are communicants of the First Presbyterian Church.

At Blairsville, Pennsylvania, August 5, 1939, Kenneth Rhodes Hyde married Evelyn Carroil Neale, daughter of Carroll and Alice (Newell) Neale. Mr. and Mrs. Hyde have become the parents of three children: 1. Susan Fellows, born February 16, 1942. 2. Kenneth Rhodes, Jr., who was born August 8, 1944. 3. Charles Neale, born September 27, 1946.

LEONARD PASCAL ROBERTS, III, of Roanoke, is a partner in the firm of Roberts and Morgan, Food Brokers, a significant new firm of that city, which was formed early in 1949. He served with distinction in the army during World War II.

Born January 4, 1911, in Norfolk, Mr. Roberts is a son of Leonard Pascal, Jr., and Ethel (Shafer) Roberts. Leonard Pascal Roberts, Jr., was also engaged in the food brokerage business in Norfolk, Virginia, and he was highly regarded by his fellow citizens, serving as city councilman in that community. This was at the period when Leonard Pascal Roberts, III, was growing up, and he received his public elementary and secondary schooling in Norfolk, graduating from Maury High School in the class of 1928. He then en-

tered Virginia Military Institute, where in 1932 he received the degree of Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering.

From 1934 until 1941, Mr. Roberts was connected with the nationally recognized firm of soap manufacturers, Procter and Gamble. During that period, his abilities brought about his advancement from salesman to supervisor for the western Virginia area, with headquarters in Roanoke. In 1942, Mr. Roberts was called into service in the United States Army and was assigned to the 17th Airborne Division. Entering as second lieutenant, he became division provost marshal, and first saw service in the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater, later participating in the action in the Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe. When he was honorably discharged from the army on January 23, 1946, Leonard P. Roberts held the rank of major.

Returning to civilian life, Mr. Roberts purchased an interest in the Jarrett Brokerage Company in Roanoke. He severed his connection with this company in 1948, however, to organize, on January 1, 1949, the firm of Roberts and Morgan, Food Brokers. This concern, too, has its headquarters in Roanoke.

Active in local affairs, Mr. Roberts is a member of the board of directors of the Optimist Club. He and his family are members of the Second Presbyterian Church.

At Roanoke, November 30, 1934, Leonard Pascal Roberts, III, married Dorothy Morgan, daughter of Charles H. and Ruth Estelle (Taylor) Morgan. Mr. and Mrs. Roberts are the parents of two children: 1. Leonard Pascal, IV, born July 13, 1939. 2. Taylor Savage, born January 26, 1945.

NORMAN WILLIAM KELLEY—Engaged in the paint, varnish and lacquer manufacturing industry for forty-two years, Norman William Kelley of Roanoke has been, since 1929, president and treasurer of the Southern Varnish Corporation, which has its headquarters in that city. He has always been a recognized leader among his colleagues in paint and varnish manufacturing, and was during 1948-1949 regional vice-president of the National Paint, Varnish and Lacquer Association, in which, through the years, he has held many offices. Mr. Kelley's qualities of leadership have been revealed, too, in his community activities, and he has been particularly prominent in Chamber of Commerce and Boy Scout programs.

Mr. Kelley is of Canadian birth. He was born

in Toronto, Canada, March 19, 1893, and is a son of Henry Robert and Mary Margaret Prout Kelley, both of whom are now deceased. He received his education in the public schools of Toronto, and at Wells Business College.

Beginning his career in the field in which he has remained since, Norman W. Kelley was first an office boy with the International Varnish Company, Ltd., of Toronto, Ontario, and he later held various other positions in the offices and laboratories of the same company, the years of this connection being from 1907 to 1912. From the latter year dates his residence in the United States, for he then became associated with the Sherwin-Williams Company as superintendent of that firm's varnish laboratory in Cleveland, Ohio, remaining in that position until 1919. Mr. Kelley then went to Cincinnati, Ohio, where until 1926 he was production manager for the Blackburn Varnish Company. From 1926 until 1929, he was manager of the varnish manufacturing division of the Forbes Varnish Company, which responsible position returned him to Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. Kelley came to Roanoke in 1929 to assume the office of president and treasurer of the Southern Varnish Corporation in that city which was established in Roanoke in 1928 and today employs fifty-six people. He has remained in the same executive relationship to this company since that time.

Long a member of the National Paint, Varnish and Lacquer Association, Mr. Kelley has held many offices and many committee memberships within that organization. He was a member of the executive committee during 1941, 1942 and 1943; was vice-president of the Association in 1944; again held membership in the executive committee during 1945, 1946 and 1947, and served as regional vice-president of the organization for his area during 1948-1949. He is at present a member of a number of committees of the Association.

Mr. Kelley is a member of the Chamber of Commerce of Roanoke, and was its president in 1942. He has been president, during 1948-1949, of the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce, whose offices are maintained at Richmond, Virginia. Active in the work of the Boy Scouts of America, Mr. Kelley is a member of the executive board and chairman of the finance committee of the Roanoke Area Council.

Also participating constructively in club activities, Mr. Kelley is a member of the Rotary Club, the Roanoke Country Club, and the Shenandoah

Club, all of Roanoke. He belongs also to the Commonwealth Club of Richmond, Virginia, and to the Lake Shore Club of Chicago, Illinois. In his religious faith, he is an Episcopalian, and is a communicant of St. John's Episcopal Church in Roanoke.

On May 26, 1927, Norman William Kelley married Mara Fae Washburne, daughter of Thomas Clinton and Harriett Alexander Washburne. Thomas Clinton Washburne was a Doctor of Medicine. Mr. and Mrs. Kelley have no children. They make their home at 2439 Robin Hood Road, Sherwood Forest, Roanoke.

GARDNER ADAMS MUNDY—Engaged in the management of the transportation interests with which the family name has been identified for many years, Gardner Adams Mundy, of Roanoke, has been since 1945 president of Mundy Motor Lines. This organization is successor to a number of previous companies which Mr. Mundy's father, Harry Mundy, founded and headed. Gardner Mundy's executive abilities have been amply demonstrated in the directing of the combined interests. He is a prominent figure in Roanoke business and social life.

A native of Roanoke, Gardner Adams Mundy was born November 11, 1908, and is a son of Harry Gardner and Blanche (Adams) Mundy. His education began in the public schools of Roanoke, and he was graduated from Jefferson High School in that city in 1927. Mr. Mundy then entered Virginia Military Institute, where he was a member of the class of 1931.

Since completion of his education, he has identified himself with the family interests in the transportation field. In this connection, a history of these enterprises would be in place. The Mundy Livery Company was established in 1907 by Harry Gardner Mundy, father of Gardner Adams Mundy. This company continued successfully for some years in Roanoke, utilizing horse-drawn vehicles. In 1916, the Mundy Brothers Transfer Corporation was founded; and 1926 saw the formation of the Mundy Auto Transfer Corporation. In 1929, storage facilities were added with the establishing of the Mundy Van and Warehouse Corporation, and extensive moving contracts were undertaken.

Until 1936, each of these separate enterprises, founded by Harry Gardner Mundy, had continued to operate as an individual corporate entity. In that year, however—a short time after Gardner

Adams Mundy had joined his father—the Mundy Motor Lines was formed, which absorbed all the predecessor companies. The elder Mr. Mundy retired in 1944, leaving his son in complete charge of the operations of this complex organization. Mr. Harry G. Mundy died July 18, 1946. Gardner Adams Mundy had started as vice-president of the Mundy Van and Warehouse Corporation, and had later become secretary of the Mundy Motor Lines, so that he had gained a thorough experience in the workings of this progressive firm. He has been president of the Mundy Motor Lines since 1945. The Lines operate two hundred units and employ a total of four hundred people.

Locally, Mr. Mundy is a member of the Shenandoah Club, the Roanoke Country Club, the German Club of Roanoke, and the Commonwealth Club of Richmond. As a member of the lodge and the higher bodies of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, he has attained the thirty-second degree, and is a member of the Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. In his religious denomination, Mr. Mundy is a Presbyterian, and he attends the Second Presbyterian Church in Roanoke.

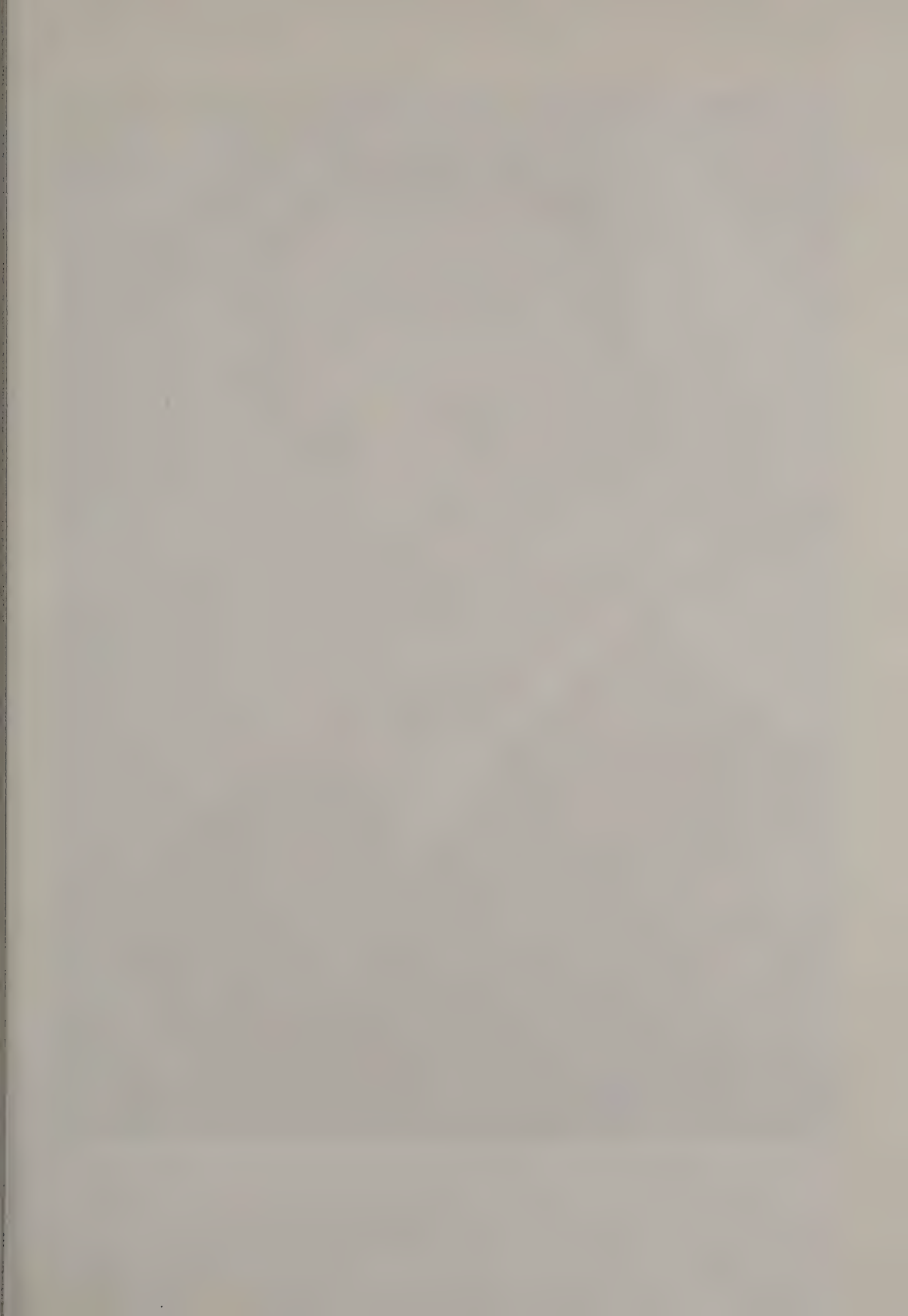
At Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Gardner Adams Mundy married Betty Marshall, daughter of Elder W. and Bessie (Irvine) Marshall. Mr. and Mrs. Mundy are the parents of two children: 1. Gardner Marshall, born July 19, 1934. 2. Watson Adams, who was born March 11, 1937. Mr. Mundy's address is Box 331, Roanoke.

JOHN THOMAS EANES, SR.—Managing one of the most progressive laundry services in Virginia or the Shenandoah Valley, and the largest such establishment in Roanoke, John Thomas Eanes, Sr., has guided the Ideal Laundry and Dry Cleaners into a most profitable and useful venture, a reward for his enterprising endeavors of many years ago. The plant at Roanoke now employs two hundred and twenty-five people, and Mr. Eanes is its president. He is an active and constructive member of organizations of the cleaners' and laundrymen's trades, and indeed was instrumental in combining the two groups into the more effective Laundry and Dry Cleaners Association, in Virginia and the tri-states. He is no less conspicuous a figure in civic and fraternal affairs.

He was born near Swansonville, Pittsylvania County, Virginia, March 5, 1878, son of Mat and Virginia, or Jennie (Merricks) Eanes. Both of his parents were natives of the same county as the



Sardner A. Mundy

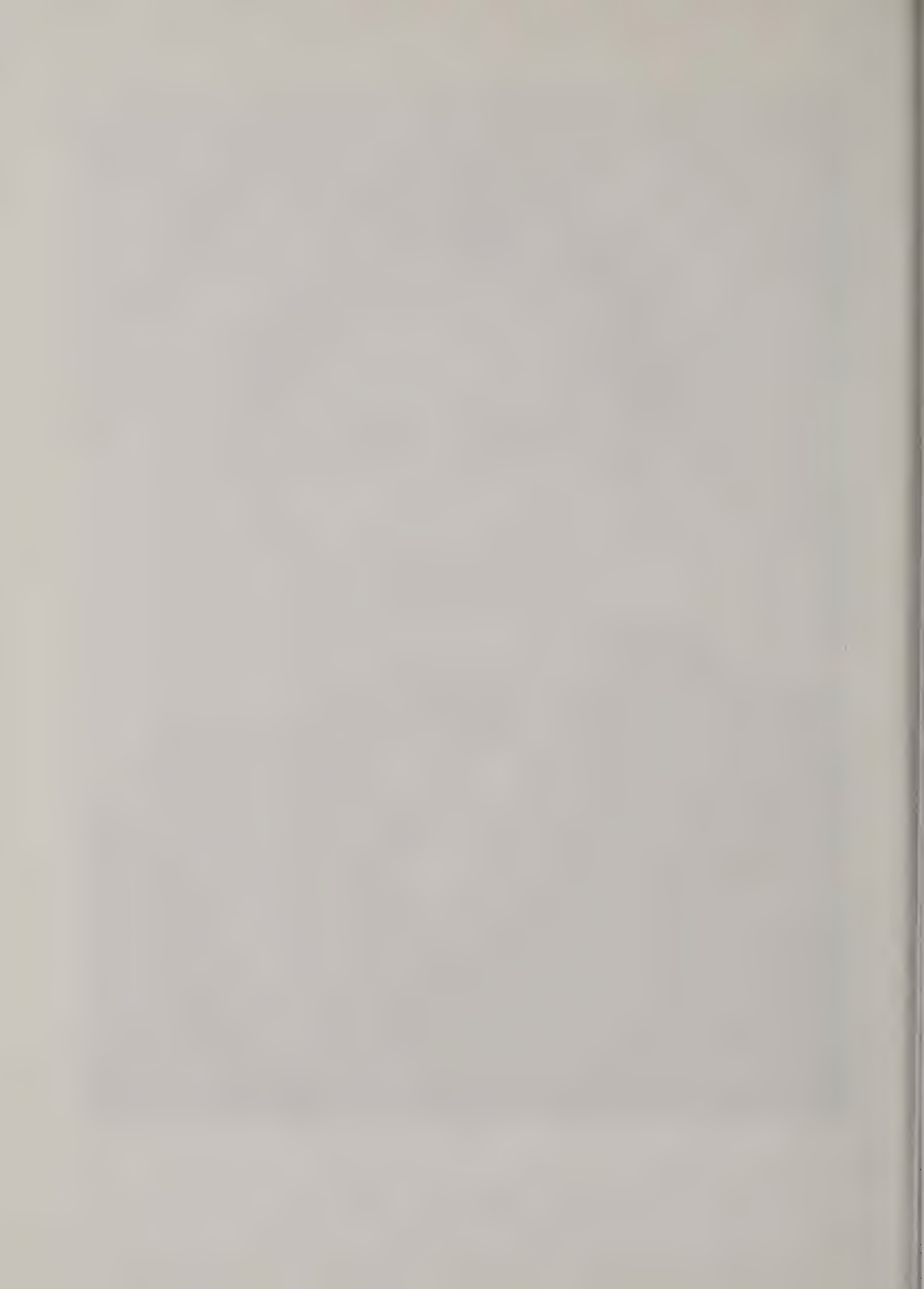




J. T. Eames



Mrs. J. T. Eames



son. His father was a miller and millwright by occupation, operating a country mill at Swansonville. The mother died when John T. Eanes was eighteen months old, and the father when he was five years old. They had been the parents of three children in all: Delia A., deceased; James M., who became a merchant in Roanoke; and John T., youngest child, subject of this sketch. Mat Eanes turned special attention to the manufacturing of boxes for tobacco in his later years. He was of Baptist faith, a good churchman, and a loyal Democrat. During the closing period of the War Between the States, he enlisted in the Confederate Army, and served until peace was declared. His father's name was Holbrook Eanes, a native of Virginia and a minister of the Baptist Church. John T. Eanes' maternal grandfather, Hop Merricks, was likewise a Virginian and a farmer.

Left an orphan in his early childhood, John T. Eanes was not able to obtain the advantages of a great deal of formal education, and much of his wide learning has been gained through practical experience. He attended, whenever he could do so, the schools of Swansonville and Callands, Virginia. His first work was as a machinist in Pittsburgh, and while working there he conceived the idea of a towel and linen service, and worked out its details in his mind so far as to include its establishment in Roanoke. In 1905 he came to Roanoke, and for a time was salesman in various mercantile establishments. However, his original purpose in settling in Roanoke did not falter; and in 1906, with his wife as business partner, Mr. Eanes established an office toilet and towel service on a modest scale. The gratifying volume of business which came his way in response to his diligent and imaginative application, made necessary the construction of his own plant in 1910. This plant measured fifty feet by a hundred and twenty feet, was two stories high, and served as working quarters for about fifteen people. In 1915 he branched out and established a general laundry business and dry cleaning, the latter of which has grown to full importance only in more recent times. He has also developed a modern rug-cleaning service. In 1916 Mr. Eanes added to his holdings a city block with railroad frontage, located at the corner of Eighth Street and Church Avenue, Southeast, on which he erected a building. To this first one he has added other buildings until now he has the entire block covered by a two-story fireproof building with four hundred and fifty feet frontage, and measuring one hun-

dred and fifty feet deep, the equivalent of nine city lots. A record of his business, written in 1929, recorded that at that time the plant,

... which he operates under the name of the Ideal Laundry, Dry Cleaners and Dyers ... employs 125 persons, his payroll aggregating \$2000 a week. His present plant is thoroughly modern, and compares very favorably with his initial one, the equipment of which was two zinc washtubs which he bought for \$1.25 each. He and his wife did all of the washing at the opening of what later has become so important a business. They did the very best grade of work possible with their equipment, and that policy is still continued, and is responsible for much of their constantly augmenting patronage. The plant is equipped with an up-to-date cafeteria, where the best of food is furnished the employees at cost, it being the only establishment of its kind in Virginia.

Of course the plant has continued to grow, employs now two hundred and twenty-five people, and has continued to increase the quality and scope of its services. Mr. Eanes has continued to be a progressive employer, as he was in the days when he was the only one in Virginia to give his employees luncheons at cost. The destinies of the firm, now known as the Ideal Laundry and Dry Cleaners, Inc., are in the hands of Mr. Eanes as president; Mrs. J. T. Eanes, his loyal co-worker through the years, as vice-president; and John T. Eanes, Jr., as second vice-president. As a laundering and dry cleaning establishment, the plant at Eighth Street and Church Avenue is the largest establishment in the Valley, and State of Virginia, and has an excellent name throughout the area.

Mr. Eanes has been acknowledged as a leader among the members of the laundering and cleaning trades. He was in large measure responsible for the combining of the two groups, in the organizations of which he is now a leading member: the Tri-state Laundry and Dry Cleaners Association, and the Virginia State Laundry and Dry Cleaning Association. Mr. Eanes is also a member of the National Laundry Association, the National Dry Cleaners Association, and the Rug Cleaners Association.

Fraternally, Mr. Eanes is equally active. He is a member of the lodge of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, has attained the thirty-second degree, and is affiliated with the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine and the Order of the Eastern Star. He belongs also to the Knights of Pythias and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He holds membership like-

wise in the United Commercial Travelers, and the Hidden Valley Country Club. Mr. Eanes and his family attend the Raleigh Court Methodist Church, of which he has been a member of the board of stewards since 1924, and in which he served for many years as a Sunday school teacher. He was also formerly a Kiwanian.

At Winston-Salem, North Carolina, August 31, 1906, John Thomas Eanes, Sr., married Lula Pearl Greenway, daughter of William Sansom and Susan Margaret (Altic) Greenway. Mrs. Eanes' father was an auctioneer in Roanoke city and county. Mrs. Eanes was born near Roanoke, at Troutville, Virginia, and educated there. Mr. and Mrs. Eanes have one son, John Thomas Eanes, Jr.; he is now second vice-president of the Ideal Laundry and Dry Cleaners. John Thomas Eanes, Jr., married Judy Carroll Wade of Roanoke, and they have one daughter, Judy Carroll, born April 9, 1948.

Mr. and Mrs. Eanes make their home at 1010 Orchard Hill, Roanoke.

MELVIN OTTO WILSON—During his connection with the utilities industry in Roanoke, Melvin Otto Wilson has become not only a well known figure in business circles of the city, but is well known as an exemplar of constructive citizenship, a man who without ostentation is always ready to further the best interests of the community. Like many another resident, he is not a Virginian, but a native of Pennsylvania, where he was born on January 19, 1901, at Otto Station, named in honor of a maternal ancestor. His parents are George S. and Cora A. (Otto) Wilson, his father being an engineer.

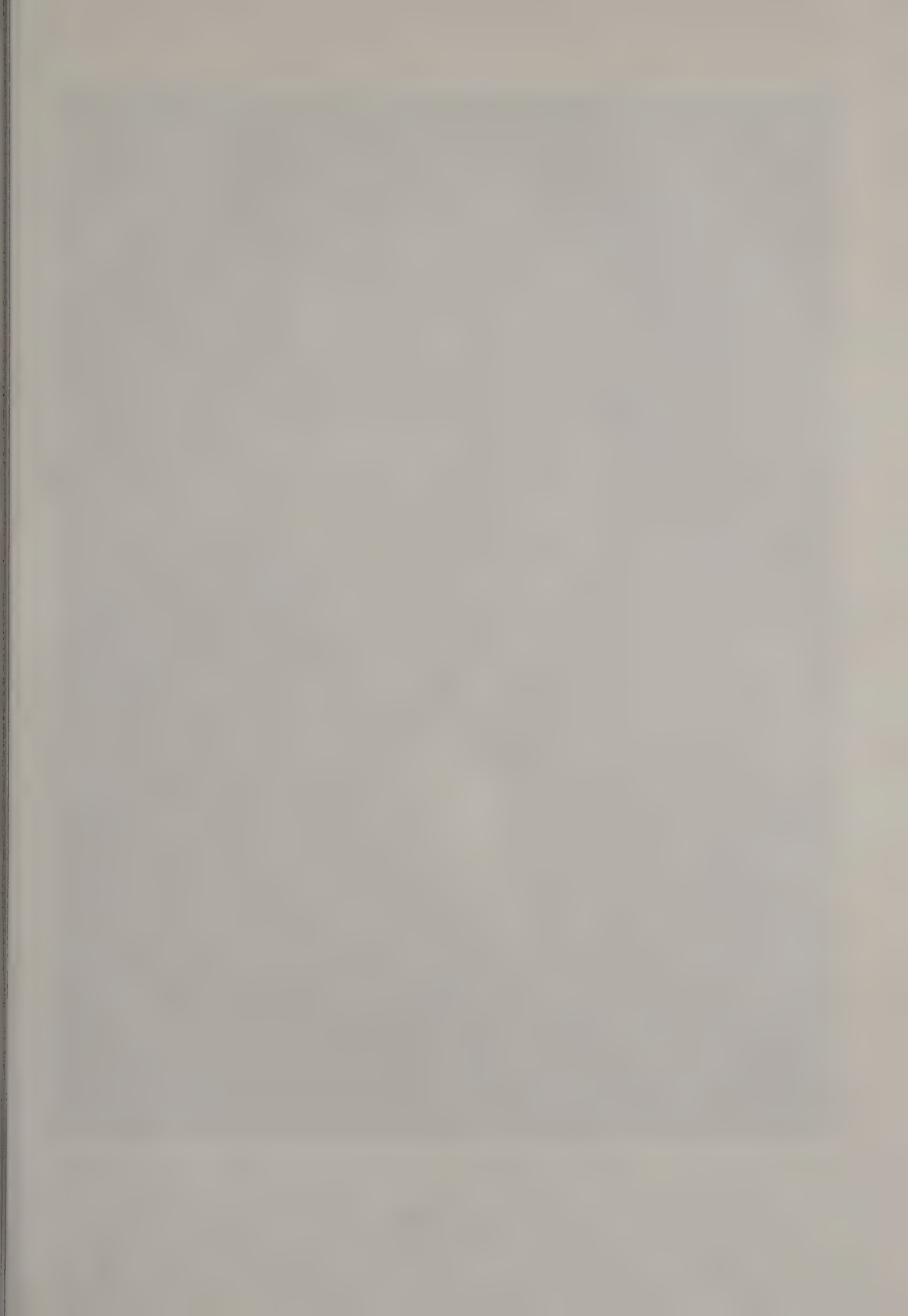
Melvin Otto Wilson was educated in Pennsylvania elementary and secondary schools, and Bloomsburg State College, at Bloomsburg, this State. When he became of age he made his first connection with the utilities industry when he entered the employ of the American Gas and Electric Company, in 1922. During the following four years he worked for the Ohio Power Company, the Atlantic City Electric Company, at the famous New Jersey summer resort city, from where he went to the Appalachian Electric Power Company. In July, 1926, he transferred to Roanoke, but later was with this corporation at Pulaski, Virginia; Mount Hope, Logan and Huntington, all in West Virginia, until the end of 1943. Since December of that year Mr. Wilson has been located in Roanoke, first as assistant to the

vice-president and general manager, and since January 1, 1949, as personnel director. His long and varied experience, his contacts with people of all sorts and kinds, have amply fitted him for this important position, and he enjoys the esteem and loyalty of associates and employees. In the city Mr. Wilson is a member of the Roanoke Country Club, and fraternally is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He attends the Northminster Presbyterian Church, of Roanoke.

On June 18, 1932, at Hinton, West Virginia, Melvin Otto Wilson married Evelyn A. Seldomridge, daughter of Nelson and Lura (Hudson) Seldomridge. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson are the parents of a son: Melvin Otto, II, born October 7, 1939.

CLAUDE PRITCHETT BLAIR—The comparatively recent elevation of Claude Pritchett Blair to the post of general superintendent of the Eastern General Division of the Norfolk and Western Railway was a promotion thoroughly well earned. A graduate engineer, he started in a minor capacity with this great railway system, and won his way up step by step with increasing responsibilities until his abilities and endeavors won deserved recognition by appointment to his current position.

Born in Pittsylvania County, Virginia, on November 11, 1900, Mr. Blair is the son of Charles Joseph and Kate (Pritchett) Blair. Raised on his father's farm he early became acquainted with the milling trade, since the older man engaged in agriculture and besides was a miller. After being graduated from the Pittsylvania County public schools in 1919, he entered the Virginia Polytechnic Institute at Blacksburg, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering with the class of 1923. However complete his technical knowledge of his chosen profession, when he made his start in railroading, it was as a special apprentice in the Roanoke shops of the Norfolk and Western Railway in July, 1923. After filling a number of positions in the mechanical department for six years, he was named a shop engineer. In 1936, Mr. Blair was appointed assistant road foreman of engines on the Radford Division of the system; was transferred in a similar capacity to the Norfolk Division during the following year; and was named assistant trainmaster of the Shenandoah Division, in 1938. He was promoted to trainmaster of the Pocahontas Division, in 1941; became assistant superintendent of the Scioto Division, in 1941; was





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superintendent of the Scioto Division from 1942 to 1944; and served as superintendent of transportation, 1944 to 1949. Since April 16, 1949, Mr. Blair has been general superintendent of the eastern general division of the Norfolk and Western Railway.

In Roanoke, Mr. Blair is a member of the board of directors of the Peoples Federal Savings and Loan Association, is a director of the Shenandoah Club, and serves on the board of governors of the Roanoke Country Club. He attends the Greene Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church, of Roanoke, and is helpfully identified with several religious and charitable works.

On October 3, 1925, at Huntington, West Virginia, Claude Pritchett Blair married Aldine Hamilton, daughter of Thomas S. and Aldine (Clarke) Hamilton. Mr. and Mrs. Blair are the parents of a daughter: Catherine, born August 24, 1926.

LITTLEBERRY JAMES BOXLEY — In the field of construction and utilization of an important natural resource of the Shenandoah Valley—stone—W. W. Boxley and Company has been outstanding for more than sixty years. With it Littleberry James Boxley has been associated for four decades and in charge of its operations since 1925. He is not only president of this firm but likewise of several stone corporations. To all his enterprises he gives effective leadership, and in so doing adds greatly to the wealth and prosperity of many people and communities.

Littleberry James Boxley was born in Louisa County, Virginia, on Christmas Day of 1887, the son of William Wise and Fannie (Haley) Boxley. In the year of his son's birth the father launched the business that is now so widely known as W. W. Boxley and Company. He was a railroad contractor in the main, a leading citizen of Roanoke, a city fortunate in having him as Mayor from 1918 to 1926. His death in 1940 was sincerely mourned as the passing of a man of eminent success and honor who served his day and generation well.

After being graduated from the Fishburne Military Academy in 1903, Littleberry James Boxley matriculated at Washington and Lee University, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Laws with the class of 1909. Instead of engaging in a professional career, he joined his father in W. W. Boxley and Company, and as he became familiar with the business of the concern, was made superintendent of con-

struction. In 1925 he took over full charge of the operations of all the companies associated with the firm, and upon the death of his father, was elected president of the company. He also is president of the Blue Ridge Stone Corporation, the Trego Stone Corporation, and the Pounding Mill Quarry Corporation, and is vice-president of the Pembroke Limestone Company. He has been a director and official of the Colonial-American National Bank, Roanoke, for a quarter of a century, and serves on the board of directors of the Shenandoah Life Insurance Company, and the Old Dominion Fire Insurance Company.

During World War I, Mr. Boxley was a member of the United States Naval Reserves, and then and in World War II was identified with some of the various "drives" for the sale of war bonds and the raising of funds for humanitarian agencies, such as the Red Cross and others. Popular in club circles, he is a member, and in 1948 was president of the Shenandoah Club; member of the Roanoke Country Club, and the Commonwealth Club, the latter of Richmond. His religious affiliations are with the Episcopal Church in Roanoke.

At Richmond, Virginia, on November 11, 1914, Littleberry James Boxley married Margaret Waddey, daughter of Everett and Carrie (Saunders) Waddey. Mr. and Mrs. Boxley are the parents of four children: 1. Margaret B. White, born February 24, 1917. 2. Caroline B. Darby, born September 26, 1921. 3. Littleberry James, Jr., born July 17, 1925. 4. William Wise, II, born March 11, 1927.

CHARLES WILLIAM FRANCIS, JR., has contributed importantly to the progress and betterment of Roanoke. By birth and ideas a man of the present century, he is identified with several forward looking projects, and is constructively active in civic life. His noteworthy ancestral background includes grandfathers who served as officers in the Confederacy.

Mr. Francis was born in Roanoke, on May 18, 1900, son of Charles Francis and Ada Payne Francis. In addition to formal education he pursued extension courses in real estate sales and appraisals with the National Real Estate Association. The older man launched a real estate enterprise in 1910, with which he has since been active. In 1920 he was joined by his son, of this biography, and the firm became known as C. W. Francis and Son, realtors. The younger member of the firm specializes in management and sales of business

and industrial properties, but without neglecting the general features of the business.

Charles W. Francis, Jr., serves on the board of directors of the Young Men's Christian Association and Peoples Federal Building and Loan Association, is a former president of the Roanoke Real Estate Board, vice-president of the Virginia Real Estate Association, and in business circles he is a past director and current member of the Roanoke Chamber of Commerce. His religious affiliations are with the First Baptist Church of Roanoke.

On May 22, 1924, at Roanoke, Virginia, Charles William Francis, Jr., married Myrtle Hurst, daughter of Dr. J. C. Hurst and the former Betty Cox. Mr. and Mrs. Francis, Jr., are the parents of a daughter: Betty Shelor, born May 2, 1930.

WALTER GREENLAND STEPHENSON—In Roanoke over a long period of years, and through several generations of the family, the name Stephenson has been known and honored. Representative of the present generation, Walter Greenland Stephenson is one of the younger group of men prominent in the affairs of the city. He has made his mark as executive, civic leader and clubman.

Born January 6, 1903, Mr. Stephenson is a native of Roanoke, and a son of William C. and Elizabeth M. (Greenland) Stephenson, his father having been president of the Buckeye Coal and Coke Company, and vice-president of Davis and Stephenson, Inc. William Cowell Stephenson was born July 13, 1872, in East Brady, Pennsylvania; and he was a son of James Bounds and Katherine (Cowell) Stephenson. He attended Pennsylvania State Normal School at Clarion, and for a time thereafter was connected with the Second National Bank of Pittsburgh. In the early 1890s, William C. Stephenson came to Roanoke and with his father began extensive coal-mining operations in the Pocahontas Flat Top fields. In December, 1902, he entered partnership with Lawrence S. Davis, forming the firm of Davis and Stephenson, mentioned above. From that time, among his other activities, he retained an interest in the insurance business. As an outgrowth of his mining operations, he became president and treasurer of the Buckeye Coal and Coke Company; and he was also president of the Crystal Spring Land Company, vice-president and director of the Sovereign Pocahontas Company, director of the American Coal Company, and director of the Stone Print-

ing and Manufacturing Company. His position in the firm of Davis and Stephenson was that of vice-president; and he was a member of the board of the First National Bank, and also held other directorships.

William Cowell Stephenson was active in the service of his country and his community. During World War I, he served as chairman of the local Liberty Loan drives. He was an organizer, and first president, of Associated Charities, predecessor organization of the Community Fund. He also served as president of the board of trustees and as head of the budget committee of the Community Fund itself. He became affiliated, in 1895, with the Bayard Commandery of the Knights Templar, and three years afterwards was elected commander, to which post he was re-elected in 1901. In 1908, William C. Stephenson was named grand commander of the Knights Templar of Virginia. He was also a member of the Shenandoah Club; and of Christ Episcopal Church, which he served as vestryman.

On September 13, 1899, William Cowell Stephenson married Elizabeth M. Greenland, daughter of W. W. and Sadie Greenland, of Clarion, Pennsylvania, who survived him. They were the parents of four sons: 1. Dr. William Cowell, Jr., of Roanoke. 2. Walter Greenland, of whom further. 3. Richard. 4. James.

Walter Greenland Stephenson, after attending the Roanoke public schools, completed his preparations for higher education at the Woodberry Forrest School, Orange, Virginia, with the class of 1921. Matriculating at the University of Virginia, he for three years carried engineering courses. He engaged in extracurricular activities, and as an undergraduate was pledged to Delta Psi social fraternity. Mr. Stephenson returned from college to become associated with the business established by his father about a year before he himself had been born. This company, established in 1904, is known as Davis and Stephenson, Inc., and deals in general insurance.

In 1938, Walter G. Stephenson became vice-president of the corporation, and since 1946 has been president of what has become an exceptionally large insurance firm. He also serves as a director. He is president of the Buckeye Coal and Coke Company, of West Virginia, and serves on the board of directors of the American Coal Company of New York City, and the Crystal Spring Land Company, of Roanoke.

In civic life Mr. Stephenson takes an active part. He was chairman and later president of the

Community Fund, and co-chairman of the fund drive of the Red Cross Society. He belongs to the Shenandoah Club, is a vice-president and director of the Roanoke Country Club, and is a communicant of the Christ Episcopal Church in that city.

At Richmond, Virginia, August 13, 1937, Walter Greenland Stephenson married Elizabeth T. Wingfield, daughter of William H. and Adelia (Moffett) Wingfield. Mr. and Mrs. Stephenson are the parents of three children, all born in Roanoke: 1. Katharine Keith, on October 26, 1939. 2. Sara Elizabeth, born February 22, 1942. 3. Walter Greenland, Jr., born June 4, 1945.

CLEMENT DIXON JOHNSTON—President of the Roanoke Public Warehouse, Clement D. Johnston has assumed a role of leadership in warehousemen's activities and chamber of commerce affairs throughout the United States. He has served his country, both in uniform and in responsible posts with government bureaus. Mr. Johnston's business abilities have been drawn upon in a number of official connections with business organizations. He is probably one of the most constructively active men of the city of Roanoke.

A native of Crestwood, Kentucky, Mr. Johnston was born November 7, 1895, and his father, a wholesale grocer in that city, headed the Johnston Brothers Company. This firm, founded by Clement D. Johnston's grandfather, John Johnston, dates from 1842.

Attending the public schools of Louisville, Kentucky, Clement D. Johnston graduated from the Male High School there in 1913. He then entered Centre College, Danville, Kentucky, where in 1916 he was granted the degree of Bachelor of Science. For one year thereafter he attended Harvard Medical College in Cambridge, Massachusetts; but he decided against following the medical profession. His formal education was interrupted by enlistment in the United States Army, and he attained the rank of captain in the infantry during World War I. He was later transferred to the Ordnance Department, and advanced to the rank of lieutenant colonel.

Shortly after resuming peacetime activities, Mr. Johnston went with Johnston Brothers Company, Inc., in Louisville, accepting a position as sales manager in 1919. He remained with this company, with which his family had long been associated, until 1926; then he came to Roanoke, where he

founded the Roanoke Public Warehouse, of which he has remained president.

Mr. Johnston is now also president of the Williamson Grocery Company of Williamson, West Virginia, and of the Bristol Wholesale Grocery Company, Bristol, Virginia. He is vice-president of the Abingdon Grocery Company of Abingdon, Virginia, and of Huff, Andrews, and Thomas Company, Bluefield, West Virginia. Mr. Johnston also holds directorships in the following firms: the F. B. Thomas Wholesale Dry Goods Company, and the Southern Investment Company, both of Roanoke; the Abingdon Grocery Company of Abingdon; the Mullens Grocery Company, of Mullens, West Virginia; the Sublette Feed and Supply Company, of Bluefield; and the Walker Machine and Foundry Company of Roanoke.

He is a former vice-president of the American Warehousemen's Association, and was elected this organization's president for the 1949-1950 term. He is also past president of its merchandising division; past president of the Southern Warehousemen's Association; past president of the American Chain of Warehouses; and past president of the Virginia Highway Users Association. He has served as consultant on warehousing for the Office of Defense Transportation, and for the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

Mr. Johnston has distinguished himself through his chamber of commerce activities, particularly in connection with the United States Chamber of Commerce. In the latter organization, he is chairman of the committee on international political and social problems, and chairman of the committee for economic development for the State of Virginia. He is also a member of the executive committee and the governing board for the magazine "Nation's Business," an official publication of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States of America. Mr. Johnston was formerly chairman of the domestic distribution department committee and board program committees for the 1940 and 1948 annual meetings.

Mr. Johnston is also a member of the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce, and its past vice-president. As a member of the Roanoke Chamber of Commerce, he is its past president, member of its advisory council, and past chairman of its national affairs committee.

In the governmental service, Mr. Johnston has brought his distinctive abilities to bear on some of the foremost national problems. He served as deputy director of the Office of Civil Defense Planning for ten months, under the late Hon.

James Forrestal, then Secretary of Defense and the first man to hold that cabinet post. Performance of his duties in connection with this office necessitated Mr. Johnston's full-time presence in the nation's capital. He is also past chairman of the Merchandise Industry Advisory Committee, Office of Price Administration; as well as governmental consultant on warehousing, as above indicated. During World War II, Clement D. Johnston again served his country in uniform, holding the rank of lieutenant colonel in the Ordnance Department, United States Army, and serving in Washington, D. C., and in China. For meritorious service he was awarded the Legion of Merit. He was ordnance supply officer and staff quartermaster in the East China area.

In his own home locality, Mr. Johnston is a member of the Shenandoah Club, of which he was president during 1934-1935; and is also a member of the Roanoke Country Club and the Pendennis Club of Louisville, Kentucky.

At Roanoke, January 31, 1922, Clement Dixon Johnston married Alice Huff, daughter of Ballard P. and Florence (Thomas) Huff. Mrs. Johnston died October 15, 1945. Mr. Johnston's home address is Blue Hills, Roanoke.

DEWEY CLYDE WYNN—As a young man, Dewey Clyde Wynn came to Roanoke to become a salesman. After some experience in this line he became a part owner and active business man with what is now George T. Horne Company, of which he has been the sole proprietor for the past seventeen years. He and his firm are favorably known over a wide territory and in the city his name is frequently associated with civic affairs and projects that make for the best interests of the community.

Born at Burkes Garden, Tazewell County, Virginia, on May 19, 1898, Dewey Clyde Wynn is the son of Morgan Francis and Anne (Chrismond) Wynn, his father being a building contractor with agricultural holdings in Tazewell County. After being graduated from the grammar and high schools of Tazewell County, the son attended the Hampden-Sydney College, Hampden-Sydney, Virginia, until 1919. He participated in several extracurricular activities as an undergraduate, being pledged to the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, and during World War I served in the Students Auxiliary Training Corps at Hampden-Sydney.

In 1919, Mr. Wynn came to Roanoke, where he started as a retail salesman with the Nelson

Hardware Company. He had advanced to credit manager prior to resigning in 1923, and during the four years had acquired quite a variety of experience and understanding of merchandising. In 1923 Mr. Wynn joined George T. Horne, wholesaler of millinery, in Roanoke, as office manager. He purchased an interest in the firm and applied his knowledge and experience to his new type of work. Upon the death of Mr. Horne, the concern became George T. Horne, Inc., with greater responsibilities resting upon the shoulders of Mr. Wynn. He traveled for the firm, but was brought back to Roanoke in 1929, to be manager, secretary and treasurer of the Roanoke establishment of the corporation. The immediate years of national financial depression were met and conquered, and the firm was being returned to a sound basis in 1933, when Mr. Wynn purchased the holdings of the remaining stockholders and since has been the sole owner of the business under its long and well known title, George T. Horne Company, leaders in ladies' wear.

The reputation of Mr. Wynn is well recognized as a man of sound judgment, executive ability and fair dealing. By worthy community undertakings his intelligent and constructive services are drafted, and he responds with hearty cooperation. He joins but few groups, but is active in the Optimist Club and the Country Club of Roanoke. His religious affiliations are with the Green Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church.

At Kingsport, Tennessee, June 27, 1939, Dewey Clyde Wynn married Lula Day.

ARTHUR TAZEWEEL ELLETT—Making a career in public utilities since completing his education at the University of Richmond, Arthur Tazewell Ellett rather early became identified with the Roanoke Gas Company, of which he is currently manager, secretary and treasurer. He is also secretary and treasurer of the Roanoke Pipe Line Company, a corporation organized in 1949 for the purpose of constructing and operating a natural gas pipe line to make natural gas available to the Roanoke Gas Company for its customers.

Born in Pocahontas, Virginia, March 13, 1909, Arthur Tazewell Ellett is the son of Ernest J. and Louise (Weisiger) Ellett, his father being deceased. He began his elementary education in the schools of his birthplace, was graduated from Pocahontas High School, and completed his education at the University of Richmond, Richmond, Virginia. He participated in several extracur-

ricular activities and was pledged to the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity. In Richmond he began his utility career in the accounting department of the Virginia Electric and Power Company, in 1930. Five years later, Mr. Ellett became connected with the Roanoke Gas Company and associated concerns, by transfer through the Stone and Webster Service Corporation. He served as accountant in the district office of the Roanoke Gas Company until it became localized in ownership in 1944, when he was elected secretary and treasurer. Since 1948 he has been manager of the company, in addition to being secretary and treasurer. In personal interests, Mr. Ellett is a member of the Executives Club, the Optimist Club, and the Roanoke Country Club, all of Roanoke. His religious affiliations are with the First Baptist Church of the city.

On June 23, 1934, at Richmond, Virginia, Arthur Tazewell Ellett married Katherine Garnett Tyler, the daughter of Walter Gresham and Susette (Beale) Tyler, her father deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Ellett are the parents of two children: 1. Frank Tazewell, born April 8, 1938. 2. Susan Garnett, born November 26, 1940.

GUY LITTLETON FURR — A Virginian by birth, educated in one of the State's finest technical institutions, the engineering career of Guy Littleton Furr has been identified mainly with West Virginia and other sections, prior to his relatively recent addition to Roanoke's leaders in business, civic affairs and club life. He was born at Bluemont, Loudoun County, Virginia, on January 19, 1895, son of John William and Mary Frances (Frazier) Furr. His father, a veteran of the Eighth Virginia Cavalry, served in the War Between the States, and was a substantial farmer in his community.

Guy Littleton Furr attended the Loudoun County grade school; was graduated from the Lincoln High School, with the class of 1912, and matriculated at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering, four years later. Immediately after leaving college, he entered the employ of the Appalachian Electric Power Company, at Bluefield, West Virginia, as a junior engineer. When the United States became involved in World War I, he enlisted in the United States Army, in June, 1917, and before he was separated from the Armed Forces, in March, 1919, had served in the Signal Corps, the Cavalry

and Tank Corps, for the most part with the rank of first lieutenant.

Upon returning to civilian life, in 1919, Mr. Furr rejoined the Appalachian Electric Power Company, at Bluefield, and remained to June, 1921, when he went with the General Electric Company, of Schenectady, New York, where he refreshed his knowledge as an electrical engineer and furthered his experience. From New York he returned to the Appalachian Electric Power Company, at Bluefield, as foreman of the maintenance department of the corporation. In 1925 he was appointed assistant superintendent and three years later was made general superintendent of the Bluefield division. In 1943, he became division manager. Since 1946 Mr. Furr has been in Roanoke with full responsibilities as assistant general manager of the Appalachian Electric Power Company, filling efficiently a highly important post. He recently completed a thirteen weeks' course in Harvard University Graduate School of Business Administration.

In personal interests Mr. Furr has been prominently identified with a number of organizations. He is a past president of the Lions Club in Bluefield, West Virginia; past president of the Southern West Virginia Council, Boy Scouts of America, and in 1935 was awarded the Silver Beaver by the Scouts. He is a member of the Shenandoah Club, the Roanoke Country Club, the Rotary Club, and is a past president of the Chamber of Commerce at Bluefield. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, the Blue Lodge, the Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, the Commandery, Knights Templar, and the Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He attends the St. John's Protestant Episcopal Church.

On September 10, 1924, at Appomattox, Virginia, Guy Littleton Furr married Sammie Ferguson, daughter of Samuel A. and Bessie (Rosier) Ferguson. Mr. and Mrs. Furr are the parents of two children: 1. Mary Catherine, born August 27, 1926. 2. Guy Littleton, Jr., born October 27, 1934.

JAMES ALVIS TURNER—In executive capacities, James Alvis Turner of Roanoke, has been prominent over a period of four decades, for nearly half of this time being the sole owner and directing head of Turner and Turner, outstanding realtors and insurance representatives in the city. An architect of his own career, he has won high repute as a man of exceptional vision and foresight with a remarkably sound judgment in

the matter of business trends and real estate developments that frequently has amounted to genius. He has served his community in civic affairs, and promoted its best interests upon many occasions.

A native of Henry County, Virginia, born on the last day of 1883, James Alvis Turner is the son of Andrew Elcaney and Eliza (Cannady) Turner. His father, born in Franklin County, Virginia, was long engaged in agriculture, after serving with the Confederate Armed Forces during the War Between the States for three years and eight months. His unit for the most of his military service was Company K of the Tenth Virginia Cavalry.

James Alvis Turner was educated in the public schools of Henry County, and as a youth he went to work in a Roanoke grocery store. Unsure of what he really wanted to do he tried his hand at railroading with the Norfolk and Western Railway, ultimately returning to his former place of employment, later known as Turner and Company. The turning point in his career came in 1914 when he became interested in the real estate business. The further record of that career reads as follows: president of the Raleigh Court Corporation, 1919, and head of the Lee Hy Construction Corporation, 1922 (both land companies); in 1930 he was president of the Central Finance Company (building and loan); in 1940 he became sole owner of the Fidelity Realty Corporation. He was also president of the United Finance Company, Inc. Since 1935 he has been head and sole owner of Turner and Turner, realtors and general insurance, of previous mention. In 1923 he served as president of the Roanoke Realty Board.

Public spirited, Mr. Turner has identified himself with numerous progressive projects and organizations in Roanoke. He served on the city's school board from 1926 to 1930, and is a past president of the Lions Club (1928). A former president of the Roanoke Chamber of Commerce (1938), he was chairman of the Municipal Affairs Committee, 1949, and a director, 1939. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, and the higher bodies of the Order including the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and the Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a member and Chancellor Commander of the Roanoke Lodge, Knights of Pythias. For a quarter of a century he has been actively associated with the official boards and the Sunday School of the First Baptist Church of Roanoke.

On January 15, 1908, at Roanoke, Virginia, James Alvis Turner married Lorana Tillman, daughter of Montraville M. and Angeline Kidd Tillman. Mr. and Mrs. Turner are the parents of the following children: 1. Mrs. Angie (Turner) Jeffreys, who was born October 28, 1908, at Roanoke, Virginia. 2. James Morton, born October 11, 1914, at Roanoke, Virginia. 3. Andrew Morris, born May 26, 1917, at Roanoke, Virginia. 4. Elizabeth Holland, born in Roanoke County, August 31, 1925.

WILLIAM BERNARD LINDSEY — Engaged for years in the operation of the Lindsey Funeral Home, in Harrisonburg, William Bernard Lindsey headed the firm until the close of his life. It is still called Lindsey and Sons, being operated by Mrs. Lindsey and their two sons, William Bernard Lindsey, Jr., and Harold Trenton Lindsey. The father and founder of this enterprise was one of the widely known and highly respected citizens of the Shenandoah Valley, honored and loved by a host of friends.

The elder William Bernard Lindsey was active in the conduct of the William Bernard Lindsey Funeral Home, as it was originally known, until the conclusion of his life. The firm was founded in 1929, and came to its present location on March 1, 1930. Mr. Lindsey was also engaged as a sales representative of numerous business interests, and distinguished himself as an expert bookkeeper, only later establishing his funeral home. His death was an occasion of profound sorrow and regret wherever he was known.

He and his wife, Jessye (Foley) Lindsey, became the parents of two sons, who are today active in management of Lindsey and Sons, along with their mother.

William Bernard Lindsey, Jr., the elder of these two sons, was born June 9, 1917, at Mount Sidney, Virginia, and attended Harrisonburg schools. Graduated from high school here, he had a course of pre-medical studies at Bridgewater College, then was graduated from the Eckels College of Embalming, in Philadelphia. He then entered the Lindsey and Sons organization, in which he has done much to promote the welfare of their clients and to serve them in a variety of ways. He is a member of the Shenandoah Valley Funeral Directors' Association, as well as of the Harrisonburg Rotary Club, Hose Company No. 1, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Free and Accepted Masons. In the Masonic



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order he is affiliated with Rockingham Union Lodge No. 27, the Royal Arch Chapter, Commandery No. 10 of Knights Templar, and Acca Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

William Bernard Lindsey, Jr., married, October 28, 1948, at the Mount Sinai United Brethren Church, in Harrisonburg, Mary Elizabeth Myers, daughter of Lester Olin and Isa May Myers.

Harold Trenton Lindsey, younger brother of William Bernard Lindsey, Jr., was born November 12, 1921, in Mount Crawford, Virginia, and attended Harrisonburg schools, as did his brother. Graduated from high school here, he had a pre-medical course at Bridgewater College, then entered the Eckels College of Embalming, in Philadelphia, where he was graduated. During World War II he was a naval aviation cadet, and served for three years as a second lieutenant in the Air Corps. In addition to his work with Lindsey and Sons, he is a member of the Shenandoah Valley Funeral Directors' Association. He belongs to the Lions' Club, is a director of the Harrisonburg Chamber of Commerce, and figures prominently in fraternal affairs as a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Free and Accepted Masons. In the Masonic order he holds membership in Rockingham Union Lodge No. 27. He is a past counselor of the United Commercial Travelers, and is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He also belongs to Hose Company No. 1.

The Lindseys are all members of the Harrisonburg Methodist Church.

lege in Roanoke. In 1902 he went to work as a bookkeeper for A. J. Kennard, plumbing and heating contractor of Roanoke. It was not long before he was a close associate of Mr. Kennard's and participating in the administrative and technical ends of the business. In 1915, Mr. Pace became a partner of Mr. Kennard's and the firm was incorporated as the Kennard-Pace Company, Inc., with Mr. Pace as president and manager. In 1927 Mr. Pace bought Mr. Kennard's interest in the concern, and has since been the controlling owner. In 1942, shortly after the United States was forced into World War II, Mr. Pace became a heating inspector and engineer at the Woodrow Wilson Hospital at Staunton. He was employed on this project by the Corps of Engineers of the United States Army. He remained at Woodrow Wilson Hospital until 1943, when he went to the Navy Yard at Charleston, South Carolina, in the same capacity. He has since the war devoted himself to his own business, and has extended its operations into most parts of the Valley. He holds the thirty-second degree in the Masonic order, and is a member of the Roanoke Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and Kazim Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Roanoke. He has been active in the Rotary Club of Roanoke since 1915 and he also belongs to the Knights of Pythias Lodge in Roanoke.

Mr. Pace married Lucille Lowry, daughter of Junius D. and Sally (Fuqua) Lowry, in the Timber Ridge Church, Bedford County, Virginia, on June 26, 1913. They worship at the First Baptist Church of Roanoke.

JOHN RAYMOND PACE—A concern that is contributing to the construction program in Shenandoah Valley is the Kennard-Pace Company, Inc., plumbing and heating contractors. Of this concern Mr. John Raymond Pace is controlling owner, president and manager. His residence is at 1010 Wasena Avenue, Southwest, Roanoke, and the firm operates in many parts of the Valley. In World War II, Mr. Pace worked for both the Army and the Navy, applying his abilities as plumbing and heating engineer to the military program.

He was born at Ridgeway, Virginia, on September 15, 1882, the son of George B. and Martha T. (Shumate) Pace. His father was a farmer in Henry County. John Raymond Pace was educated in the public schools of Ridgeway and Henry County and in the National Business Col-

THOMAS PAUL PARSLEY—A banker of high standing in Virginia since 1922, Thomas Paul Parsley of Roanoke served the nation in financial capacities with such distinction in World War II as to win the United States Army's commendation ribbon for outstanding service. He is executive vice-president of the Mountain Trust Bank of Roanoke and a foremost citizen of that city.

Born in Richmond on September 23, 1901, Mr. Parsley is the son of George Atkinson Parsley, a Richmond merchant, and Louise Blanche (Mason) Parsley. He completed his education at the University of Richmond in 1922, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Laws. Instead of seeking a career at the bar, however, Mr. Parsley entered the banking business. His first work in this field was as teller and clerk with the Planters National Bank of Richmond, where he was employed from

1922 to 1925. He then became a teller for the State Planters Bank and Trust Company, also in Richmond, remaining until 1927. From 1927 to 1948 he was vice-president of the Bank of Virginia in Roanoke and on October 1, 1948, he assumed his present office of executive vice-president of the Mountain Trust Bank of Roanoke. He is also a member of the bank's board of directors.

On December 1, 1942, when he was still with the Bank of Virginia, Mr. Parsley took a military leave of absence to begin what was to prove to be distinguished service with the armed forces. He was commissioned a captain in the United States Army Finance Department and from that time on moved from one station to another. For a time he was at Duke University, Durham, North Carolina, then at Camp Edwards, Massachusetts, then in the headquarters of the Chief of Finance, United States Army, in the Pentagon Building in Washington. Also, he did a tour of duty in the Aleutian Islands and Alaska. At the time of his separation from the active service on December 28, 1945, he was holding the rank of major. The Army recognized his outstanding service by awarding him the Commendation Ribbon. On resuming his civilian status Mr. Parsley returned to the Bank of Virginia, resigning less than three years later to move over to the Mountain Trust Bank.

A member of the Rotary Club of Petersburg from 1935 to 1938, Mr. Parsley is now a member of the Rotary Club of Roanoke, which he served as president in the year 1947-1948. He is also a member of Phi Gamma Delta and Delta Theta Phi fraternities, the Petersburg Country Club at Petersburg, the Virginia Boat Club at Richmond, the Shenandoah Club, the Roanoke Country Club and the Country Club of Virginia at Richmond. He worships in St. John's Episcopal Church, Roanoke.

On November 12, 1930, at Richmond, Mr. Parsley married Lewis Shepherd, the daughter of Linden Knight and Lottie (Freeman) Shepherd.

JAMES ROBERT ALVIS, SR. — During his varied career, James Robert Alvis has successfully headed a number of enterprises. He now heads the Roanoke Wine and Drug Company, and a subsidiary, the Roanoke Winery, Inc., in which operations he is associated with his son, James R., Jr. He has gladly accepted, and ably discharged, civic responsibility, and is a popular figure in club and fraternal life.

A native of Appomattox County, James R. Alvis, Sr., was born June 12, 1896, son of James David and Ella Fleecer (Worley) Alvis, his parents being farming people. In the public grade and high schools of Spout Spring, Appomattox County, he began his education, and continued at Old Union Academy, which is now a high school.

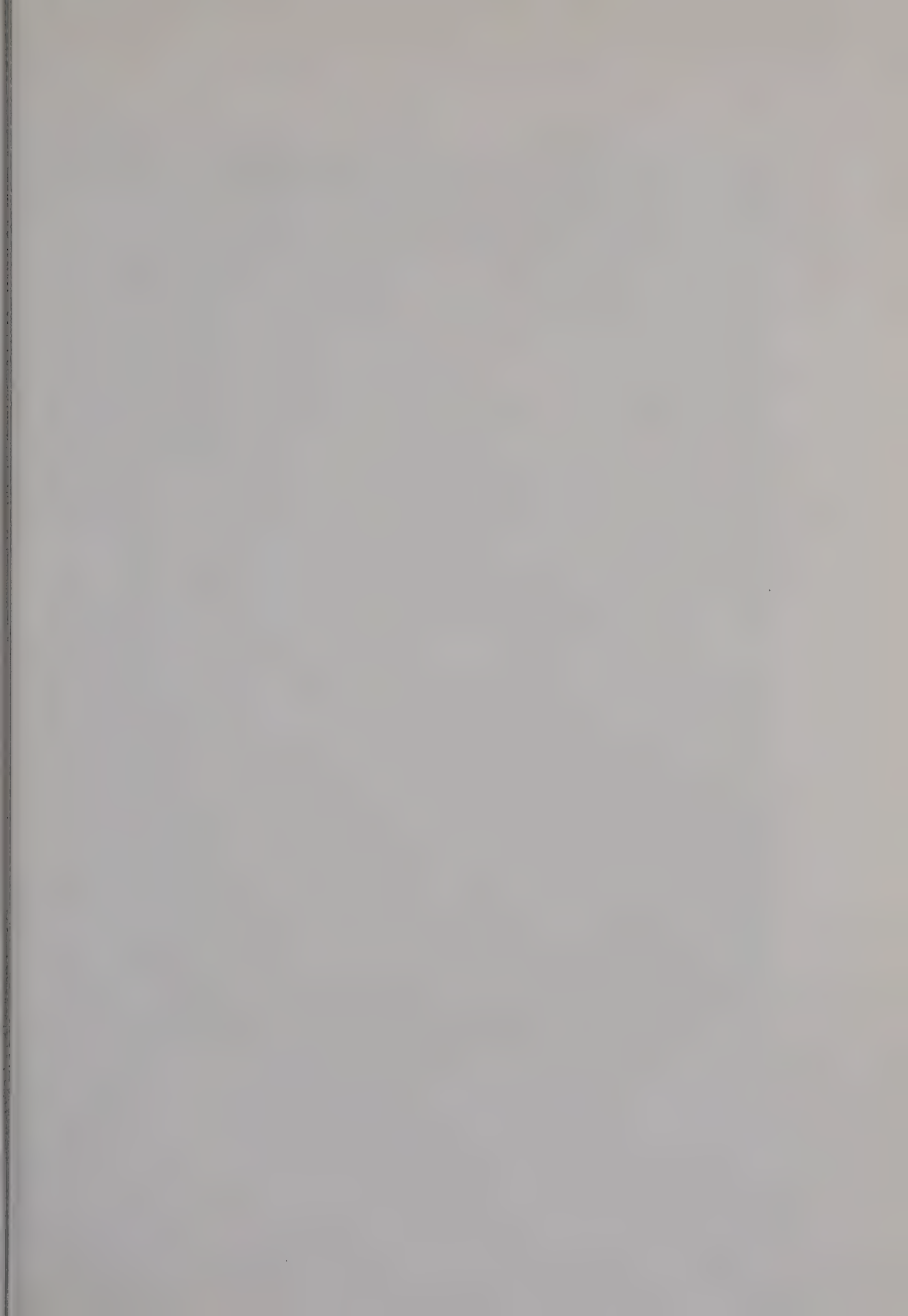
Mr. Alvis began his career as traveling representative, and for nearly twenty years continued in this occupation, being associated with various firms. From 1917 to 1921, he was with the Diamond Metal Weatherstrip Company, and thereafter with the Merchants Bakery of Norfolk. He was in the wholesale candy business in his own name from 1925 to 1927, but continued on the road during that time, promoting his own sales. From 1927 to 1931, Mr. Alvis was identified with the Planters Nut and Chocolate Company.

It was thus with ample experience in salesmanship that Mr. Alvis established his own firm, the Lynchburg Wine Company, in that city in 1934. He was its sole owner from the time of its founding. Later, in 1937, a new company was formed, the Virginia Wine Company, Inc. However, he disposed of his interest in this concern, and came to Roanoke in 1941 to establish there a new concern, the present Roanoke Wine and Drug Company, in the operation of which he and his son, James R. Alvis, Jr., are associated. A subsidiary of this company is the Roanoke Winery, Inc.

Mr. Alvis is chairman of the advisory board of the Williamson Road Branch of the Colonial-American Bank. He is a member of the Recreation Association of Roanoke, and from June, 1947, to the present time has been a member of the rent control board of Roanoke.

Fraternally, Mr. Alvis is affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, has attained the thirty-second degree, and is a member of Kazim Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is past president of the Lions Club, Williamson Road, and a member of the Hidden Valley Country Club and a board of director member. He is a communicant of the Methodist Church of Roanoke.

At Lynchburg, Virginia, June 26, 1917, James R. Alvis, Sr. married Martha Marguerite Agee, daughter of Whitcomb and Ella Agee. Mr. and Mrs. Alvis are the parents of three children: 1. James Robert, Jr., born June 18, 1918 and now associated with his father in business. 2. David L., born August 10, 1926. 3. Johnson Lee Jennings (step-son).





M. E. Chapman

HOWARD L. BUSH—Founded on January 15, 1898, the Clover Creamery Company, Inc., of Roanoke is a firm which is constantly extending its reputation and operating territory. Today, it covers not only Shenandoah Valley and surrounding territory but, through a subsidiary, Clover Brand Dairies, Inc., a portion of North Carolina as well. Associated with the concern since he was nineteen years old, Howard Lunsford Bush is today secretary and treasurer of Clover Creamery Company and secretary of Clover Brand Dairies, Inc. He is active in many fields of interest outside the dairy industry.

Mr. Bush was born in Roanoke on April 24, 1914, the son of Howard M. and Fannie E. (Bush) Bush. His father, who was born in Roanoke County on March 22, 1879, was one of the founders of the Clover Creamery Company. His associates were C. L. Bush, his father, and C. T. Lukens. In 1904, six years after the founding, they incorporated the business. Howard L. Bush was educated in the elementary and high schools of Roanoke and was graduated from the National Business College of Roanoke in 1933. In March of that year, a week or two before his nineteenth birthday, he became a clerk for the Clover Creamery Company. Later, he was made a salesman, work which he followed until 1943, when he was promoted to treasurer and assistant secretary. In 1946 he was elected secretary and treasurer. The company's subsidiary, Clover Brand Dairies, Inc., was established at High Point, North Carolina, in 1925. Mr. Bush became secretary of this concern in 1946 also. There are branches of Clover Creamery Company at Salem, Radford, Lexington, Martinsville and Bedford, Virginia. Active in the community, Mr. Bush is a member of the Rotary Club of Roanoke; the Roanoke Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; the Roanoke Country Club and the Roanoke Advertising Club. He worships in Christ Episcopal Church, Roanoke.

On August 1, 1938, at Pulaski, Virginia, Mr. Bush married Juanita P. Parsons, the daughter of W. A. and Bell (Shivel) Parsons. They have become the parents of two daughters—Linda Elizabeth, born September 20, 1942, and Janet Frances, born October 4, 1946.

name of Lukens has long been identified with the dairy industry. William C. Lukens, of this family, is also prominent in this industry and is vice-president of the Clover Creamery Company of Roanoke and its subsidiary, Clover Brand Dairies, Inc., of High Point, North Carolina. He is active in civic and other organizations.

The son of Charles Teas Lukens, a co-founder of the Clover Creamery Company, and Lucy Campbell (Williamson) Lukens, William C. Lukens was born in Roanoke County on June 8, 1899. His father, born in Fairfax County, Virginia, joined Charles L. and Howard M. Bush in a partnership that founded the Clover Creamery Company on January 15, 1898. Mr. C. L. Bush, C. T. Lukens and H. M. Bush incorporated the business in 1904.

William C. Lukens went through Roanoke's grade and high schools and then took a course in agriculture at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, where in 1922 he was awarded the degree of Bachelor of Science. The United States entering World War I while he was still at college, Mr. Lukens joined the Student Army Training Corps there. In 1924 Mr. Lukens started work in the Clover Creamery Company as a laborer and plant helper in the plant. The following year he was made assistant manager and in 1931 was elevated to the vice-presidency. The company's subsidiary, Clover Brand Dairies, Inc., at High Point, North Carolina, was established in 1925. Mr. Lukens became vice-president of this concern in 1931. It now has a branch at Greensboro, North Carolina. The mother company maintains branches at Salem, Radford, Lexington, Martinsville and Bedford, Virginia. Mr. Lukens is a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Lions Club of Roanoke and the Roanoke Country Club. He and his family worship in St. John's Episcopal Church, Roanoke.

Mr. Lukens married Mary Wilson Lemmon, daughter of George Edward and Priscilla Sims (Clark) Lemmon, at Roanoke on December 8, 1925. They have four children—Lucy Priscilla, born January 30, 1927; Charles Edward, born March 17, 1929; Nancy Janet, born September 3, 1932; and Mary Ann, born September 28, 1933.

WILLIAM C. LUKENS — In a vast region which includes Shenandoah Valley but extends far beyond it in Virginia and North Carolina, the

MARION EASON CHAPMAN—A vice-president and director of the Virginia Bridge company, Marion Eason Chapman holds an important

position in the business community of Roanoke. He has been connected with this company since 1916, representing it principally in Florida and Virginia. In both states he is a certified professional engineer.

Mr. Chapman was born October 17, 1897, at Austell, Georgia, son of Andrew Jackson and Anna (Eason) Chapman, both deceased and buried at Luray, Virginia. His father was employed by the Internal Revenue department.

Roanoke schools provided Marion Eason Chapman's early education and he later had junior work at Roanoke College. In 1917 he attended the University of Virginia, and then Virginia Polytechnic Institute in Blacksburg, where he was graduated in 1922 as Bachelor of Science in civil engineering. But during this period he retained his connections with the Virginia Bridge Company, being employed on a part-time basis during his school and college years. His first employment as a full-time worker by the company was in the estimating and design department. Two years later, in 1924, he was placed in the contracting department, where he remained until assigned to represent the company in Florida in 1926. He remained at the Florida offices in Tampa for two years as a contracting engineer, then returned to Roanoke in 1928 in a similar capacity. The Roanoke office, in which he was contracting engineer, represented the States of Virginia, North Carolina, West Virginia, Tennessee and Kentucky. Mr. Chapman continued in this position until 1944. He was then elected vice-president and director of the company and placed in charge of sales.

The Virginia Bridge Company is a subsidiary of the United States Steel Corporation and is engaged in the construction of steel structures—bridges, buildings, and others—in this region of the south. The company maintains plants at Roanoke, Memphis and Birmingham. In addition to his work in this connection, Mr. Chapman is active in civic and social affairs in this region where he belongs to the Roanoke Rotary Club, the Shenandoah Club and the Raleigh Court Methodist Church. During World War I he was a member of the Student Army Training Corps at the University of Virginia.

Marion Eason Chapman married, July 20, 1940, in Roanoke, Virginia, Charligne Hall, daughter of Andrew M. and Lena (Riner) Hall. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Marion Eason, Jr., born March 24, 1942. 2. David Riner, born March 25, 1945.

JASON DEXTER HOBBIIE, JR.—Since 1881 members of the Hobbie family have been contributing to the cultural development, the recreational life and the gayety of Virginians. Their business, once called the Hobbie Music Company, is Hobbie Brothers Company, Inc., located in downtown Roanoke. A son of the founder, Jason Dexter Hobbie, Jr., is president of the concern.

Mr. Hobbie was born at Lynchburg on October 26, 1885, the son of J. Dexter Hobbie and Emma Norvell (Wellford) Hobbie. The senior Mr. Hobbie established the Hobbie Music Company in Lynchburg in 1881. Seven years later he transferred the business to Roanoke, moving his family to that city in 1891.

J. Dexter Hobbie, Jr., moved to Roanoke with the family in 1891 and there received his early education. He was graduated from Jefferson High School, Roanoke, in 1902, and then spent three years at Washington and Lee University at Lexington. In 1905 he went to work for the Hobbie Music Company. The business was reorganized in 1915 as Hobbie Brothers Company, Inc., and since that year Mr. Hobbie has been its president. The firm is located at 9 Church Avenue, West, Roanoke. Mr. Hobbie is a member of the Shenandoah Club, the Roanoke Country Club and the Roanoke German Club. His fraternity is Phi Kappa Psi. He is a former member of the Kiwanis Club of Roanoke.

On September 30, 1906, Mr. Hobbie married Laura Beverly Rodes, the daughter of Lafayette Penn and Laura M. Rodes. The ceremony was performed at Bristol, Tennessee. Mrs. Hobbie died on May 2, 1946. Mr. Hobbie has one son, Jason Dexter Hobbie, III, who was born on June 16, 1914. He married Elizabeth Ann Burnett of Roanoke, and they have two children: J. Dexter, IV, and Beverly Lane.

WILLIAM NELSON HOBBIIE—As secretary of the Hobbie Brothers Company, Inc., William Nelson Hobbie takes a prominent role in the business life of Roanoke.

Mr. Hobbie was born July 17, 1890, in Lynchburg, Virginia, son of J. Dexter and Emma Norvell (Wellford) Hobbie. His father, who founded the predecessor of the present Hobbie Brothers Company in 1881, carried it on for seven years in Lynchburg before moving it to Roanoke.

Roanoke schools provided William Nelson Hobbie's early formal education, and after attending Jefferson High School he entered Virginia Poly-

technic Institute, where he studied engineering until 1912. After some work in his profession, he became associated with his father's business, the Hobbie Music organization, in 1915, when it was reorganized as the Hobbie Brothers Company, Inc. From 1888 onward it had been a flourishing business, and as a representative of the second generation in the business he did much to bring its methods and policies up to date and fit them to changed conditions. From the beginning of his association with the company, William Nelson Hobbie served as its secretary, and he so continues today.

In addition to his other undertakings, he is active in the Roanoke Rotary Club. His activities have been many-sided, including wartime service to his country during World War I. During that conflict, in 1917 and 1918, Mr. Hobbie was attached to the First Company of Coast Artillery of Virginia. He belongs to the Second Presbyterian Church.

William Nelson Hobbie married, June 2, 1913, in Roanoke, Virginia, Elizabeth Seawell Hairston, daughter of Judge Nicholas Hardaman and Elizabeth Seawell (Hairston) Hairston. Mr. and Mrs. Hobbie became the parents of two children: 1. Nicholas Hairston, born August 17, 1917. 2. Frank Wellford, born January 22, 1922.

HENRY ALBERT OAKEY—John M. Oakey & Son is the oldest firm of funeral directors in Salem and older than any other firm in the Shenandoah Valley and the Roanoke district. Since 1904 Henry Albert Oakey has been its owner, and his contribution to it and to his community has been a significant one.

Mr. Oakey was born April 25, 1880, in Salem, Virginia, son of John Martin and Emma Lewis (Woolwine) Oakey. His father was a telegraph operator in the Confederate Army during the War Between the States.

The free schools of Salem provided Henry Albert Oakey's early formal education. After completing his studies, he entered his father's business in Salem. It is still known as John M. Oakey and Son, having been so established in 1866 by John Martin Oakey. For many years father and son carried on the work together in association with each other. Henry Albert Oakey became vice-president of John M. Oakey, Inc., of Roanoke, Virginia, in 1937, and was made president and treasurer in 1944. Until that time Clarence M. Oakey had headed the company as its president.

The Oakey Chapel, a branch of the corporation located on Williamson Road, is one of the most beautifully appointed funeral chapels in this part of Virginia, and the people of this district are justly proud of the Oakey establishments.

In addition to his work in this connection, Mr. Oakey serves as a director of The Mercy House, where he has been chairman of the board for many years. He is a member and vice-president of the Roanoke County Public Health Association. Much of his activity in this connection is of a charitable sort, and he does a great deal to help indigent families in his district. He is also active in Southwest Virginia, Inc., a regional Chamber of Commerce organization comprising nineteen counties of Southwest Virginia. In the Free and Accepted Masons, Mr. Oakey is affiliated with many branches of the order, including Roanoke Consistory of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite and the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He belongs to the Methodist Church of Salem.

Henry Albert Oakey married, July 12, 1904, in Salem, Virginia, Anna Carrington Campbell, daughter of James W. Campbell. They became the parents of the following children, all born in Salem, Virginia: 1. Minor W., born March 12, 1907. 2. Evelyn Lewis, born June 4, 1909, now Mrs. Evelyn (Oakey) Warner. 3. Miriam E., born August 19, 1922, now Mrs. Miriam (Oakey) Wagner, of New York City.

WILLIAM LOUIS CRAWFORD OAKEY—In his capacity as vice-president of John M. Oakey, Inc., William Louis Crawford Oakey is one of Roanoke's outstanding funeral directors. His service to his community has been noteworthy, and he has figured prominently in many professional, civic and social undertakings.

Mr. Oakey was born April 15, 1899, in Roanoke, Virginia, son of Samuel Goode and Freda Jane D. (Crawford) Oakey. The Oakey family is an old and well-established one in this region of the South, dating back to the time of Oakey and Woolwine. Its founders were Charles Woolwine and John M. Oakey, William L. C. Oakey's great-grandfather. At the death of Mr. Woolwine, in 1901, the firm came to be known as John M. Oakey and Son, so continuing until its incorporation in 1910 as John M. Oakey, Inc. At the time of the incorporation, Samuel Goode Oakey, William L. C. Oakey's father, became vice-president of the organization. Robert Oakey, his brother, the uncle of William L. C. Oakey, was

also active in the business until his death in 1932. Samuel G. Oakey died in 1941.

His son, William Louis Crawford Oakey, attended public schools in Roanoke, and was graduated from Jefferson High School, in this city. He then entered the Renouard College of Embalming, where he completed his course in 1923. Returning from New York, where he had that training, he became a licensed embalmer in Virginia, and at once associated himself with John M. Oakey, Inc., in 1925. As a funeral director and embalmer, he has gained an enviable reputation in this region. He became vice-president of the company in 1942. In 1949 they purchased the Williamson Road Chapel, which was made a part of the enterprise at that time.

At all periods Mr. Oakey has taken a deep interest in the general affairs of his profession. Since 1946 he has been on the official staff of the Virginia State Funeral Directors' Association, having been elected its president in that year. Different civic organizations have benefited from his service to them. He was president of the local Lions Club in 1945 and 1946. He is active in the American Legion as a past commander of Roanoke Post No. 3, and is secretary of the Roanoke Fair Association, which the local Legion post sponsors. He is a member of the Roanoke Country Club and Greene Memorial Methodist Church. Fraternally Mr. Oakey is active in the Free and Accepted Masons and Roanoke Lodge No. 197 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. In 1917 he entered the army, being attached to the 102nd Aerial Squadron and seeing active service overseas as a master sergeant. He received his wings, and was honorably discharged at Mineola, Long Island, New York, in 1919. During World War II he served as chief air raid warden in Roanoke City, beginning July 27, 1942, and was placed in charge of organizing the civilian defense activity of his district.

William L. C. Oakey married, November 11, 1926, in Richmond, Virginia, Alice May Walters, daughter of William Franklin and Pansy Blossom (Smith) Walters. They became the parents of a daughter, Betty Lou Oakey, born February 19, 1928, who is now Mrs. Betty Lou (Oakey) Godsey.

CLEM NEWBILL SNEAD—Newspaper writing and advertising work have admirably equipped Clem Newbill Snead for his present position as operator of his own agency in Roanoke. His organization serves as advertising representative of

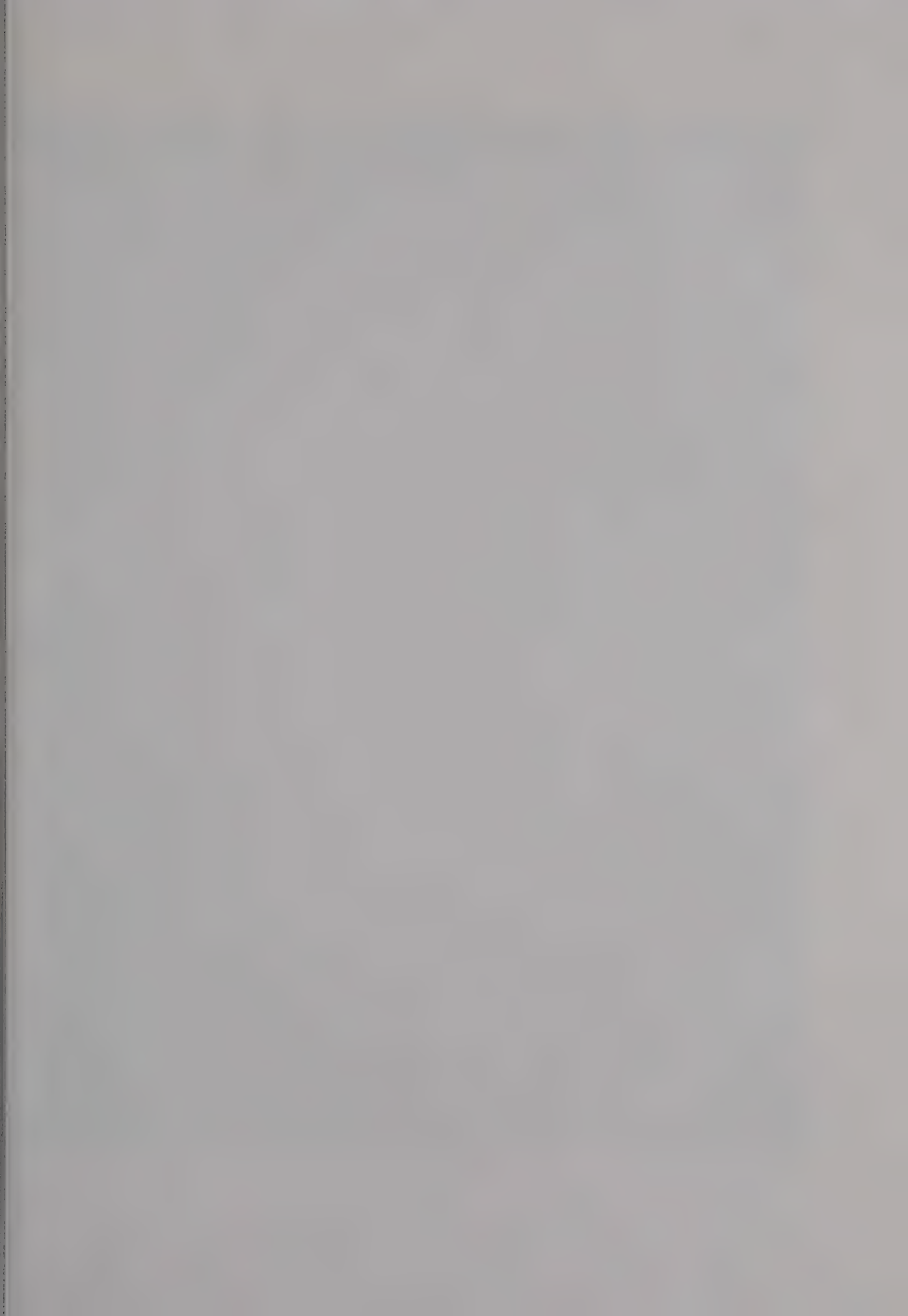
some of the outstanding industries of this region of the South.

Mr. Snead was born August 19, 1894, on a farm near Clarkton, in Halifax County, Virginia, son of Clem William and Loula (Binford) Snead. His father was for years engaged in farming operations in that region.

At an early period in boyhood Clem Newbill Snead entered the Chatham Training School, which later became Hargrave Military Academy, in Chatham, Virginia, where he received his diploma with the class of 1917. He completed his studies there just in time to enter the service of his country in World War I, serving with the Eightieth Division, Headquarters Company, and being assigned for a year to overseas duty. While in Europe, he attended the Officers' Training School in Langres, France. Graduated from the University of Richmond, in Richmond, Virginia, in 1923, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, he found his work there of special value when he entered upon a newspaper career. He had majored in English, economics and business administration, and in June, 1923, he became a reporter on the Richmond "News Leader," continuing with that paper until September, 1924. Determining to teach for a time, he became principal of the high school at Stuart, Virginia, there serving in that capacity through the academic year of 1924-1925.

Returning to newspaper work in June, 1925, Mr. Snead entered the employ of the Times-World Corporation, publishers of the Roanoke "Times and World News," at that time. Beginning as a reporter, he remained with this company until August 1, 1944, except for a six-month period in 1930. During those years Mr. Snead served in a variety of editorial capacities, acting as reporter, feature writer, telegraph editor, city editor and contributing editorial writer. He wrote a Sunday column and numerous feature articles which were sold to other publications, and specialized particularly in political reporting and writing and city government coverage. While so serving, he inaugurated a local news broadcast, with commentary.

Starting his advertising career as such in association with Houck and Company, Mr. Snead became their chief copywriter on August 1, 1944. Until August 1, 1945, he was so engaged. Then he opened his own advertising agency, known as the C. N. Snead Advertising Agency, with headquarters in the Boxley Building, Roanoke. Two years later the agency moved to larger quarters at 113 West Kirk Avenue. This agency has





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gained wide support in this area of Virginia, and counts some of the outstanding companies of this district among its clients.

In addition to his work in this connection, Mr. Snead is a director of Goodwill Industries and in 1950 served as a director and president of the Family Service Association, both in Roanoke. He is active in a number of civic organizations, including the Kiwanis Club of Roanoke, in which he has served as chairman of the public relations committee, and the Roanoke Chamber of Commerce, in which he is a member of the public relations committee. He belongs to St. John's Episcopal Church, Roanoke.

Clem Newbill Snead married, June 20, 1931, in Roanoke, Virginia, Ann Louise Simmons, daughter of Dr. Richard Gordon and Nina (Soulee) Simmons. Her father is a physician.

WILBUR ALLEN BARKER, M.D. — Recognized as one of Roanoke's leading Roentgenologists, Dr. Wilbur Allen Barker holds an outstanding position in the professional life of this community. He is a member of the firm of Peterson, Barker, Smith and Doherty.

Dr. Barker was born February 16, 1903, in Danville, Virginia, son of Arch Allen and Rosa (Coleman) Barker. His father was a Danville merchant.

Public schools of Danville, his birthplace, provided Wilbur Allen Barker's early formal education, and after completing his high school studies there he became a student at Furman University, Greenville, South Carolina, where he was graduated in 1925. For his medical studies he entered the University of Virginia, there receiving the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1929. From that year until 1933 he was an intern at the University of Virginia Hospital, in Charlottesville. In 1933 he opened his own office for the practice of medicine in Petersburg, where he remained until 1939, doing considerable hospital work.

In 1939 he came to Roanoke, here forming a partnership with Dr. Charles Hanson Peterson (q.v.) in that year. Specializing in Roentgenology, this firm grew and flourished from the outset, admitting another partner, Dr. Charles D. Smith (q.v.) in 1941. In 1947 Dr. Daniel F. Doherty joined the partnership, which is now known as Peterson, Barker, Smith and Doherty. Dr. Barker holds a leading position in his profession in this area, being a member of the Virginia State Medical Society, the American Medical Association, the American Roentgen Ray Society, the Radiological

Society of North America and the honorary medical fraternity of Alpha Omega Alpha and the medical fraternity of Phi Beta Phi. He is a fellow of the American College of Roentgenology.

In addition to professional undertakings, Dr. Barker is active in civic and social organizations in Roanoke and vicinity. He holds memberships in the Kiwanis Club, the Shenandoah Club and the Roanoke Country Club. He also belongs to St. John's Episcopal Church.

Dr. Wilbur Allen Barker married, October 22, 1932, in Charlottesville, Virginia, Emily Pugh, daughter of Ernest and Mabel (Payne) Pugh. They became the parents of a daughter, Sandra Monroe Barker, born October 9, 1940, and a son, William Allen Barker, Jr., born September 15, 1949.

RICE HOTINGER—Rice Hotinger, owner of "Mountain View Farm" at Kerrs Creek, Virginia, has been profitably engaged in agriculture throughout his life. He bought the Kerrs Creek acreage in 1895, has added to his holdings since, and devotes his efforts chiefly to raising a high grade of live stock. He has long been identified with public office as well, having served as supervisor of Rockbridge County for thirty-five years. Mr. Hotinger is a man whose practical judgment and capacity for service are equalled by few of his fellow citizens.

He is a native of Collierstown, born July 15, 1875, and is a son of Abraham and Minerva (Armentrout) Hotinger. His father was likewise a farmer, whose acreage was situated in Rockbridge County. Rice Hotinger attended the one room school in Collierstown and continued his studies at New Providence Academy, New Providence, Virginia.

He began farming in partnership with his father in Collierstown, the two specializing in the production of live stock while engaging also in general agricultural pursuits. In 1895 Mr. Hotinger bought his own farmland, the acreage at Kerrs Creek, which at present bears the name "Mountain View Farm." He has remained there ever since. The farm originally contained two hundred and seventy-five acres, but Mr. Hotinger later bought the Wilson farm of two hundred and ten acres. On this total acreage, he raises live stock, including sheep and beef cattle. Mr. Hotinger also stocks Dr. Gaines' farm above Lexington.

For thirty-five years Rice Hotinger has served as supervisor of Rockbridge County, and for several years was chairman of the board, and has

devoted conscientious attention to the needs of his county. He has also served at various times as its road commissioner. For many years also, Mr. Hotinger, who is vitally interested in general agricultural production and the cause of the farmer, has been chairman of the Rockbridge County Fair Association. He also exerts his influence through membership in the Cooperative Club of Rockbridge County. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church at New Monmouth (Kerrs Creek), has been an elder of the church since 1914, and has held other offices in its organization.

At the Oxford Presbyterian Church on Buffalo Creek, October 18, 1899, Rice Hotinger married Susan Virginia Rader, daughter of Harvey and Annie (Hielman) Rader. They celebrated the fiftieth wedding anniversary, their "Golden Wedding", on October 18, 1949. They are the parents of six children: 1. Lucy Rader, born November 2, 1900; she is the wife of Thomas Franklin Marshall and they have two sons: Thomas F. and Richard Leroy, both pharmacists. 2. Harvey Lewis, born October 7, 1902; he married Katherine Vonbora Alphin and they have three children: Josephine Susan, Harvey Lewis, Harold Rice. 3. Leonard Daniel, born November 1, 1904; he married Sarah Lantz and they have a daughter, Sarah Virginia. 4. Pauline Steele, born July 26, 1908, now Mrs. Walter McCown. 5. Richard LeRoy, born October 10, 1911, and killed in action in the defense of his country during World War II. 6. Abraham, died at birth, March 8, 1914.

"Mountain View Farm" is located on Route 1, Lexington, Virginia.

JAMES ARCHIE LYON—James Archie Lyon, who is supervisor of wage and salary administration of the Appalachian Electric Power Company of Roanoke, has had a varied experience in business, which has included management of his own private enterprise, a tax consulting agency, and work for the federal government in connection with social security. Mr. Lyon has also rendered military service to his country, in the uniform of the Field Artillery during the 1920s, and in selective service connections during World War II. He has proved himself an able business man and a valued member of his community.

Mr. Lyon was born in Galax, Virginia, September 8, 1909, and is a son of Wiley Jefferson and Minnie Josephine (Dotson) Lyon, both of whom

are deceased. Wiley J. Lyon was a railroad conductor, with thirty years of service with the Norfolk and Western Railroad.

Receiving his early schooling in Roanoke, James A. Lyon graduated from the Jefferson High School in the class of 1925, and he is a graduate of the United States Army Finance and Administrative School, which he attended during 1926-1927. He also took, at New York University during 1947, a special course in personnel management and industrial relations.

Mr. Lyon was in the United States Army from 1925 to 1928, or a total period of two years and three months. During that time he attained the rank of sergeant, and was assigned to headquarters battery of the 17th Field Artillery, stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He received his honorable discharge, in the rank of sergeant, in 1928, and on entering civilian life sought employment with the Norfolk and Western Railway, with which his father had long been connected. He was placed in the general offices in the capacity of clerk; but after a period with the railroad, he went with the Walton Construction Company, a railroad contracting firm, as timekeeper, and commissary clerk.

Mr. Lyon's subsequent connection with the United States Government was a post with the Federal Social Security Board, as clerk in charge of social security registrations in the Roanoke area. However, Mr. Lyon determined at this time to enter business in his own name, and utilized his full experience in clerical and accounting procedures to establish himself as tax accounting consultant.

It was as tax accounting clerk that he first associated himself with the Appalachian Electric Power Company, which in recognition of his ability in this field of practical affairs has advanced him steadily. He was soon made administrative assistant, and now holds the position of supervisor of wage and salary administration.

From 1942 to 1945, Mr. Lyon was associate member of the selective service advisory board at Roanoke. He is affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and is a communicant of the Lutheran Church in Roanoke.

At Roanoke, on June 29, 1931, James Archie Lyon married Clarice Amos, daughter of John and Nora (Thompson) Amos. Mr. and Mrs. Lyon have two children: 1. Carolyn Sue, born July 4, 1932. 2. Vicky Ann, born August 5, 1944.

CHARLES HANSON PETERSON, M.D.—As a member of the firm of Peterson, Barker, Smith and Doherty, Dr. Charles Hanson Peterson occupies a position of prominence in the professional life of Roanoke. His contribution to this community has been a substantial one from many points of view, and he is widely respected, honored and trusted among a wide circle of friends.

Dr. Peterson was born January 26, 1904, in Monterey, Virginia, son of Davis Henry and Patty Rebecca (Slaven) Peterson. His father is a farmer and merchant in Monterey.

Schools of Monterey, his birthplace, provided Charles Hanson Peterson's early formal education, and afterward he entered the University of Virginia, where he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1926. There followed an internship at the University of Virginia Hospital, which continued until 1930. It was in that year that he came to Roanoke as radiologist, here becoming a member of the medical firm of Peterson, Barker, Smith and Doherty. His practice has grown with the years, and he occupies a position of leadership and high standing in his branch of medical work.

In addition, Dr. Peterson takes a lively interest in the affairs of his profession. He belongs to the Roanoke Academy of Medicine, of which he was president in 1948-1949; the Virginia Radiological Society, of which he was also president during that same period; the American College of Radiology, in which he is a Fellow; the American Roentgen Ray Society; and the Radiological Society of North America. In the Southern Medical Society, Dr. Peterson was chairman of the radiological section from 1941 to 1943. He also belongs to the Virginia State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. Dr. Peterson is also a diplomate of the American Board of Radiology.

In addition to his professional activities, Dr. Peterson is connected with a number of civic and social bodies, including the Roanoke Country Club, the Rotary Club of Roanoke, the Farmington Country Club and the Roanoke German Club. In the Free and Accepted Masons he is affiliated with the Highland Lodge No. 110. He belongs to the Roanoke Presbyterian Church.

Dr. Charles Hanson Peterson married, March 13, 1930, in Charleston, West Virginia, Cornelia Brooking, daughter of Vivian and Florence (Banks) Brooking. They became the parents of three children: 1. Charles Peterson, Jr., born March 21, 1931. 2. William Banks Peterson, born

March 12, 1934. 3. Nancy Stuart Peterson, born May 18, 1939.

CHARLES DOUGLAS SMITH, M.D.—Specializing in radiological work, Dr. Charles Douglas Smith is one of Roanoke's noted physicians. He is a member of the radiological firm of Peterson, Barker, Smith and Doherty, in which he is associated with three outstanding Roentgenologists of the district.

Dr. Smith was born October 23, 1907, in Sherman, Texas, son of Charles Harlan and Ellen (Reeves) Smith. His father, now deceased, was a merchant in Dallas, Texas.

Texas schools provided Charles Douglas Smith's early formal education, and after completing his elementary and secondary schooling he attended Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1931. Two years later he was graduated as a Doctor of Medicine from the College of Medicine of Baylor University. Serving an internship at Binghamton Hospital, Binghamton, New York, between 1933 and 1935, he was subsequently a resident physician at Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, until 1938. Establishing himself in Roanoke, he became a radiologist here in 1941, joining the firm of Peterson, Barker, Smith and Doherty, as indicated above. His partners at that time were Dr. Charles Hanson Peterson (q.v.) and Dr. Wilbur Allen Barker (q.v.), who had founded the firm in 1939. The three physicians were joined in 1947 by a fourth partner, Dr. Daniel F. Doherty, and down to the time of writing the four men continue their work together.

Taking a deep interest in the general life of his profession, Dr. Smith belongs to a number of groups of radiological experts. He is a member of the American Roentgen Ray Society, the Radiological Society of North America, the Virginia Radiological Society, the Southern Medical Society, the American Medical Association, the Virginia Medical Society, and the American Board of Radiology (in which he is a diplomate). Along with his strictly professional affiliations, Dr. Smith is active in such organizations as the Roanoke Rotary Club, the Shenandoah Club and the Roanoke Country Club. Although Dr. Smith himself is not a member of any church, his family are Catholics.

Dr. Charles Douglas Smith married, in 1938, in Baltimore, Maryland, Genevieve Cecilia Murphy, daughter of William Murphy. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Charles

Douglas, Jr., born March 3, 1939. 2. William Stuart, born May 2, 1943. 3. Robert Kent Smith, born October 18, 1947.

WILLIAM HAMILTON PETTIGREW—In the career of William Hamilton Pettigrew, engineer of Roanoke, the military service of his country entered largely. He made an excellent military record in the Caribbean and the China theaters of war in the rank of colonel, and he made an equally fine civilian record of accomplishment in his rise, by his own abilities, from a minor position to superintendent with the Adams and Tate Company, of the city. He was born at Staunton, Virginia, on July 21, 1911, son of Arthur Hamilton and Lulie (Beale) Pettigrew, his father being an engineer with the Virginia State Highway Department, and member of the Civil Aeronautics Board of the State.

After being graduated from the John Marshall High School at Richmond, class of 1929, William Hamilton Pettigrew entered Virginia Military Institute, where he was graduated in 1933, a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. The possession of a degree did not prevent the young engineer from starting in the hard way to prove his efficiency. He entered the employ of Sam Finley, asphalt contractor, and drove a heavy truck in Atlanta, Roanoke, and other places where Finley had contracts. He was promoted to timekeeper, in 1935 was made superintendent, and in 1938 was named general superintendent—rather good progress for eight years of hard and experienced work.

In 1941, Mr. Pettigrew resigned from this position to enter the United States Corps of Engineers for World War II service. Assigned to duties directing the construction projects in seven South Atlantic states, he was soon sent to Central and South America, and the Islands of the Caribbean, in charge of installations of various kinds. His record led to his being called to serve in the China Offensive later in the war, and he completed his round of duty with the Armed Forces of the United States in 1946. Starting with the rank of first lieutenant, he was separated with a commission as colonel, decorated with several commendation ribbons, and the Combat Star for participation in the China Campaign.

Upon his return to civilian life, Mr. Pettigrew joined Adams and Tate, for which concern he has been general superintendent since 1946. He belongs to the Association of General Contractors,

is a member of the American Society of Military Engineers, and enjoys recreation at the Hidden Valley Country Club, Roanoke, and the Country Club of Bristol, Tennessee. His fraternity is Kappa Alpha, Virginia Military Institute, and he attends the Methodist Episcopal Church in Richmond.

FARISH CARTER TATE is in construction work in the Shenandoah Valley, and is a partner in the Adams and Tate Construction Company. His headquarters are in Roanoke. Mr. Tate is also vice-president of the Fuel Oil and Equipment Company, Inc., also of Roanoke.

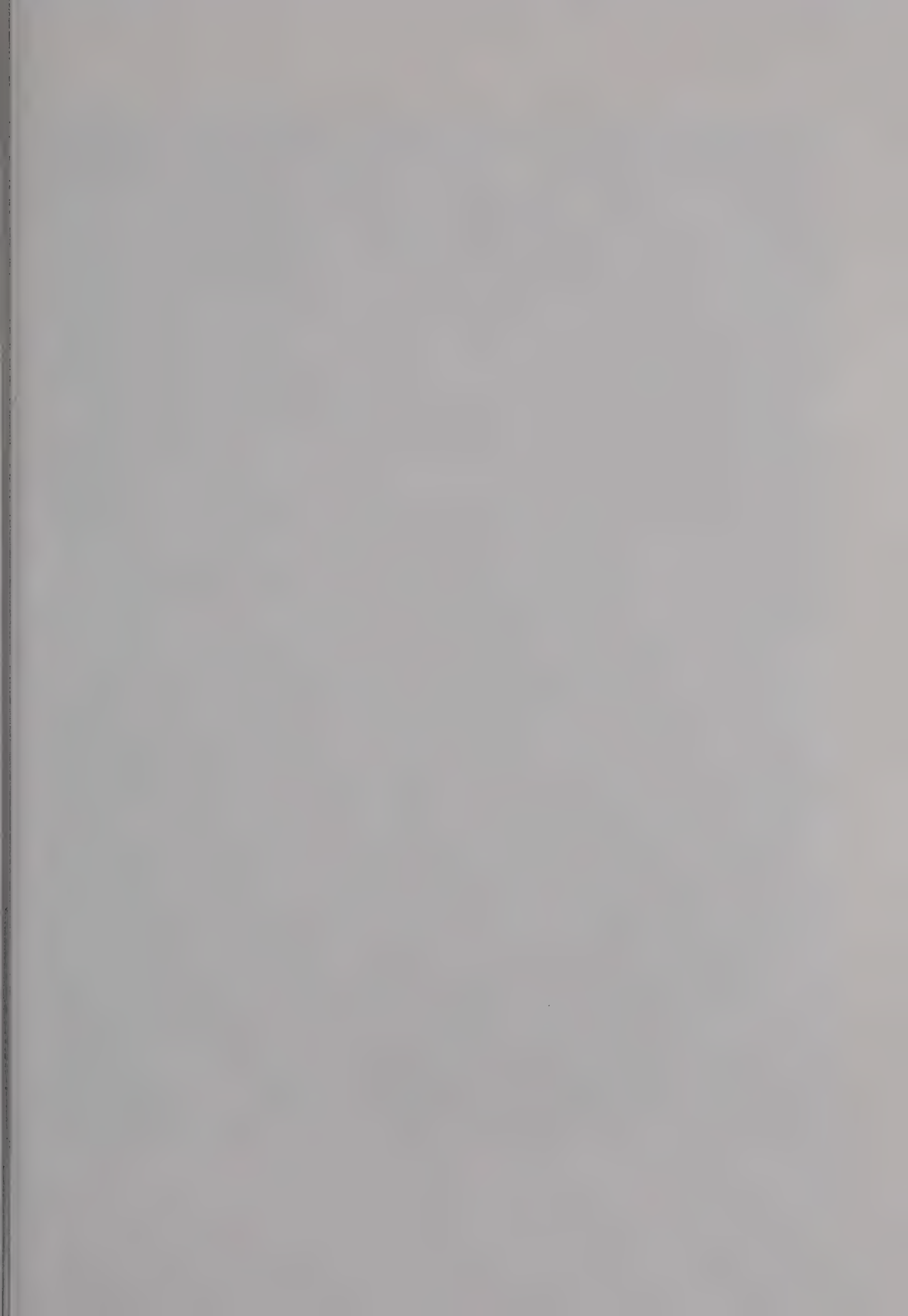
Son of Philip May and Edna (Ferguson) Tate, Farish Carter Tate was born August 4, 1909, in Fairmount, Georgia. His father was a farmer, and a banker in Calhoun and Fairmount, in Gordon County. As a youth, Farish C. Tate attended Fairmount schools, and graduated from high school there in 1924. He then enrolled at Darlington Preparatory School in Rome, Georgia, from which he graduated in 1927. In 1931, Mr. Tate received the degree of Bachelor of Science in Commerce from the University of Georgia.

In August of 1932, he associated himself with the Sam Finley Company of Atlanta, but was immediately sent by the company to Roanoke in the capacity of timekeeper. He was made job superintendent of the company in 1933, and general superintendent in 1940, stationed at the Roanoke branch of the firm throughout these years. In 1945, Mr. Tate together with Mr. W. B. Adams formed the above companies.

He is a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity, the Hidden Valley Country Club, and the Kiwanis Club of Salem, where he makes his home. Mr. Tate attends the Raleigh Court Methodist Church.

On July 17, 1938, at Summerville, South Carolina, Farish Carter Tate married Amelia Nell Starr, daughter of K. W. Starr, D.D.S., and Dee (Edwards) Starr. They have two children: 1. Farish Carter, Jr., born May 24, 1943. 2. Sally Starr, born April 7, 1945. Mr. Tate's address is 142 Lewis Avenue, Salem.

STANLEY ALEXANDER MALCOLM—Young, progressive and aggressive, Stanley Alexander Malcolm has made an established place for himself among the business leaders of Roanoke. At all times he has been the pilot of his own career, acquiring knowledge of the vocation he desired to prosper in, and in the meanwhile has given years





Geo. T. Hitch

of his time to military service during World War II. Since his return to civilian life, he has been associated with W. B. Clements, Inc., of Roanoke, and was made president in 1950 upon the death of Mr. Clements.

Mr. Malcolm was born at Richmond, Virginia, on July 15, 1910, son of William Henry and Nancy (Johnson) Malcolm. His father, who died in 1942, was long in charge of the shipping department of the Southern Stove Works, in Richmond. Stanley A. Malcolm was educated in the grammar schools of his birth city, and attended John Marshall High School. He early began making a livelihood, and from 1924 to 1930 was employed in clerical capacities by the State Planters Bank of Richmond. Realizing his need of greater knowledge of accountancy, he studied with the La Salle Correspondence College for three years, receiving a diploma in accountancy.

In 1931, Mr. Malcolm became an accountant for the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, and was transferred to Roanoke, in 1934, as office manager of the city branch. In 1940 he went with the Magic City Motor Company, dealers in Ford cars and tractors, as credit manager. From January, 1946, to 1950, he was vice-president of W. B. Clements, Inc., and upon the death of Mr. Clements in 1950, was made president. He is a thorough-going business man, a hard worker, and a "go-getter," whose drive and abilities are widely recognized. In the city he is a member of the Lions Club, and fraternally is affiliated with the Blue Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, the Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and Kazim Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He attends the Baptist Church in Roanoke, and is identified with humanitarian works.

On September 5, 1933, at Richmond, Virginia, Stanley Alexander Malcolm married Estelle Virginia Moore, daughter of Isaac Herman and Bailey (Carmines) Moore.

GEORGE THOMAS HITCH—One of those fortunate men who early in life had the wisdom to chose a career to which he could give a lifetime, George Thomas Hitch became a student of horology and since he became of age has practiced his vocation in Roanoke. For a quarter of a century he has been associated with the jewelry trade in Roanoke, and is the proprietor of the well-known store, George T. Hitch, Jeweler.

Born in Allen, Maryland, on July 9, 1903, George Thomas Hitch is the son of Kirby Atwood and Mary Eleanor (Bothum) Hitch, his father being a farmer and merchant of that place. The son attended the grammar schools of his birthplace and went to the Salisbury (Maryland) High School, where he was graduated with the class of 1922. Entering the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, College of Horology, he received his diploma in 1924 and that same year located in Roanoke to begin a connection that was continued for almost ten years in the wholesale jewelry business, as assistant manager of Fisher's Supply House. In 1933, Mr. Hitch went with the A. S. Pfeuger jewelry store as watchmaker and salesman to 1939. In the latter-named year he purchased the H. C. Patterson jewelry store in Pulaski, Virginia, which he operated as George T. Hitch, Jeweler, until 1947, when he returned to Roanoke and acquired the A. S. Pfeuger firm, which has since been conducted under the trade name of George T. Hitch, Jeweler. His enterprise has flourished and serves a clientele drawn from a wide territory. He is a former member of the board of directors of the Pulaski Trust Company, belongs to the Roanoke Rotary Club, the Roanoke Country Club, and fraternally is affiliated with the Loyal Order of Moose, and the Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is a member of the higher bodies of the Order, including Kazim Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He attends the Raleigh Court Methodist Episcopal Church, and is active in religious, charitable and civic projects.

On August 14, 1930, in the West End Methodist Church, at Roanoke, Virginia, George Thomas Hitch married Grace Allen Reeves, daughter of George Floyd and Hattie (Foster) Reeves. Mr. and Mrs. Hitch are the parents of two children: 1. George Reeves, born July 31, 1935. 2. Elizabeth Katherine, born December 14, 1940.

WILLIAM ANDREWS JARRETT holds the position of sales manager in one of the leading automotive agencies in Roanoke, which distributes the most popular of the lower-priced automobiles, the Johnson-McReynolds Chevrolet Corporation. Mr. Jarrett has been with this firm since the completion of his education, with the exception of the time spent in the military service of his country during World War II. A conscientious and civic-minded citizen, he is constructively active in a number of local organizations.

A native of Portsmouth, Virginia, William Andrews Jarrett was born September 25, 1914, son of J. T. Jarrett, M.D., and the former Anna Andrews. His father was a physician with a considerable practice in Portsmouth. He also engaged, in his later years, in automobile agency management, as head of the Jarrett-Chewning Company. Dr. Jarrett died in 1934.

William A. Jarrett's education was obtained in Roanoke. He attended the elementary schools there, graduated from the Jefferson High School in 1932, and took three years of studies at Roanoke College. He then associated himself with the Johnson-McReynolds Chevrolet Corporation in the capacity of bookkeeper. During 1937, he was office manager and used car manager, and in 1940 was made sales manager, which position he holds to the present time. The company is one of the most thriving in the Shenandoah Valley, enjoys the good will of the public, and bases its substantial volume of business on the demand for the top-ranking low-priced car, in point of sales.

Mr. Jarrett has been a member of Sigma Chi fraternity since his years at Roanoke College. Locally he is identified with the Kiwanis Club, the Roanoke Country Club, and the Roanoke German Club. He attends the Trinity Methodist Church.

During World War II, Mr. Jarrett served with United States Army Ordnance Battalion 605, participated in the North African and Italian campaigns, and advanced during his period of active service from second to first lieutenant. He was discharged in December, 1945.

At Blauvelt, New York, January 6, 1946, William Andrews Jarrett married Margaret Coates, and they are the parents of a daughter, Margaret Ann, born July 16, 1949.

ROBERT ASHBY ARMISTEAD has been identified with the Appalachian Electric Power Company since his graduation from Virginia Military Institute with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering, and he now holds the position of substation superintendent. He has to his credit exceptionally arduous and distinguished service with the armed forces of the United States, in Europe, during World War II.

Mr. Armistead is a native of Roanoke. He was born November 18, 1913, son of Drury L. and Hester E. (Webster) Armistead. His father, a partner in the firm of Phelps and Armistead, a furniture store in Roanoke, was instrumental in

the establishing of that firm in 1911. He died in April, 1946. Robert A. Armistead, after attending the elementary schools of Roanoke and graduating from Jefferson High School in the class of 1931, entered Virginia Military Institute, which in 1935 conferred on him the degree of Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering.

Immediately thereafter, Mr. Armistead associated himself with the Appalachian Electric Power Company, which has been his sole employer throughout the years of his career. He was engaged first in a rural survey mapping project in Roanoke County, and thereafter started with a line crew as groundman on a construction gang. He was then meter service man in the meter department until June, 1936, when he went with the rural service department as rural solicitor and right-of-way man. Mr. Armistead's technical training served him well when his company bought out the Virginia East Coast Utilities, for at that time he went to Stuart, Virginia, as rural solicitor and office manager. From November, 1939, to January, 1940, he was back in Roanoke, in the distribution department, doing engineering work.

A short time thereafter, Robert A. Armistead entered the United States Army, enlisting on April 17, 1941, and being commissioned a lieutenant. He served with the Field Artillery in the European theater, and saw much action in Normandy, northern France, the Ardennes, Rhineland, and in Germany. He advanced steadily in rank, and earned the Bronze Star Medal. When on January 1, 1946, Mr. Armistead was discharged, he held the rank of major.

From September, 1945, until the time of his discharge, Mr. Armistead was on terminal leave, and during that period he resumed his responsibilities with the Appalachian Electric Power Company. His capacity at that time was engineer in the distribution department. In February, 1949, he came to the substation department as assistant to its superintendent, and has remained there since.

Mr. Armistead has also ventured into private enterprise in his own name. He is part owner of Modern Floors, Inc., a flooring retail firm in Roanoke; and he is on the board of directors and secretary of the Corporation of Roanoke. He is a member of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers. Locally, he is identified with the Lions Club of Roanoke. He is a member of the First Baptist Church, while his wife attends the Calvary Baptist Church.

In North Carolina, on August 25, 1934, Robert

Ashby Armistead married Lucille Owen, daughter of Davis O. and Estelle (Owen) Owen. Mr. and Mrs. Armistead are the parents of a son, Robert Ashby, Jr., who was born February 7, 1940.

JOHN HARKRADER—In charge of commercial management at Station WDBJ in Roanoke, John Harkrader is a young man who has advanced rapidly in his chosen line of work, notwithstanding the fact that he has recently devoted four and a half years to the service of his country as a naval officer during World War II. Mr. Harkrader has also turned his energies constructively to community activities.

Born April 6, 1916, in Wytheville, Virginia, Mr. Harkrader is a son of William L. and Lola Jane (Rider) Harkrader, his father being a storekeeper in Wytheville. After attending the elementary schools and graduating from high school in Wytheville, in 1934, John Harkrader entered Roanoke College, where in 1938 he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts.

He immediately associated himself with the activities of Station WDBJ, with which he has remained since, except for the wartime period. He joined the station in the capacity of sales representative, so continuing until September, 1941, when he enlisted in the United States Naval Air Force. He entered with the rating of seaman, second class, was assigned to the V-5 program, and emerged in January, 1946, as lieutenant, senior grade. In the interim, he had become plane commander of a patrol bomber, and had served in the North and South American theaters.

On resuming civilian life, Mr. Harkrader returned to Station WDBJ as promotion director. In August, 1946, he was promoted to commercial manager of the station. His selection for this post was a fortunate one, for Mr. Harkrader combines the qualities of a skilled manager with those of a good salesman.

Mr. Harkrader in his personal life is a man of marked cultural background, and enjoys collecting good books. In the year of his graduation from Roanoke College, he was selected for inclusion in "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities." His abilities have been freely placed at the disposal of his community, and he is a member of the advertising committee of the Roanoke Chamber of Commerce. He is also a member of the Lions Club, and serves as its program chairman. Mr. Harkrader attends the Lutheran Church, while his wife is a Roman Catholic.

In Kansas City, Missouri, December 28, 1947, John Harkrader married Margaret Loar, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Loar.

PAUL EDWARD REYNOLDS—One of the many brilliant men who have returned to Roanoke and Virginia, after experience in distant states, Paul Edward Reynolds has been prominent in the field of radio for fifteen years and more. Not all of these were consecutive for there was an interruption of several years when he served with the United States Armed Forces during World War II. When separated from the Army, he resumed his life in Roanoke, again with Station WDBJ as director of programs. He has engaged in many capacities on the air and on the stage, and is highly esteemed for his connections and acting with amateur theatricals in the city.

Born at Roanoke, Virginia, on January 3, 1911, Paul Edward Reynolds is the son of Curtis Lee and Lola (Byrd) Reynolds, members of families long established in the State and the South. His father was a railroad man, but the son sought opportunity and fame along other lines of endeavor. After attending the elementary schools of his birth city, he was graduated from the Jefferson High School, and then spent two years of study in the Virginia Military Institute, at Lexington. He entered the theatre and was a juvenile on the New York stage for a time, but with the expansion of radio, returned to Roanoke to try his hand and voice in this up-and-coming field of entertainment and business. He became a part-time announcer on Station WDBJ in August, 1934; was made chief announcer in 1936; studio director in 1938, and after war service returned in 1946 to be program director.

Mr. Reynolds went off to war like many of his fellows, and as a volunteer found himself in September, 1942, at Camp Davis Officers Training School, North Carolina, working for a commission as a second lieutenant of the Coast Artillery unit. He assisted in training Negro troops in camps in Georgia, Pennsylvania, Illinois, and so continued in this duty to December, 1945, when he received his honorable discharge from the Army with the rank of first lieutenant. As indicated, he returned to Roanoke and the radio, a hard worker of ideas and varied experience in a most difficult field of endeavor. His interest in the "live" theatre is as strong as ever, and he has turned this to the entertainment of the public. He is credited with acting in sixty or more amateur plays in Roanoke,

together with directing and staging. In his business Mr. Reynolds is exceptionally well acquainted with radio personalities and leaders by contacts and friendships, and as well with programs of all kinds and trends. He is a member of the Rotary Club, and member of the Public Relations Committee, Chamber of Commerce. He is a Protestant in religious belief.

On April 27, 1939, at Roanoke, Virginia, Paul Edward Reynolds married Virginia Maness, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Maness. Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds are the parents of two children: 1. Philip Wiley, born January 14, 1943. 2. Susan Lee, born April 23, 1947.

NORBORNE FUQUA MUIR, D.D.S.—Practicing dentistry in Roanoke for over thirty years, Norborne Fuqua Muir, D.D.S., has built a substantial reputation among that city's professional men. He has held office in a number of professional societies, and has also exerted his leadership for the welfare of the community, working through such organizations as the Rotary.

Dr. Muir is a native of Roanoke. He was born December 21, 1891, son of Marcus Aurelius and Eugenia (Fuqua) Muir. His father was at one time a schoolteacher in King and Queen County Virginia, and later became an employee of the Norfolk and Western Railway. In the local schools and Roanoke High School (now Jefferson High School), Dr. Muir obtained his preliminary education. He graduated from the Medical College of Virginia, at Richmond, in 1918, with the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery, and took postgraduate courses at the Dewey School of Orthodontics in New York City, in 1919.

During World War I, Dr. Muir served in Dental Corps No. 1 of the United States Army, and was stationed at Camp Greenleaf, Georgia, for training, when hostilities ended. He was discharged in 1919. Since that time, he has practiced dentistry in his native city of Roanoke. Dr. Muir is past president of the Roanoke Dental Society and the Piedmont Dental Society, and he headed the Dental Association of Virginia in 1936. He was also president, in 1935, of the Southern Society of Orthodontists. He is a Fellow of the American College of Dentists, and of the Fédération Dentaire Internationale. He is an honorary member of Omicron Kappa Upsilon fraternity, and belongs also to Xi Psi Phi fraternal society.

Locally, Dr. Muir is a member of the Rotary Club, and past member of its board of directors.

He is also a past member of the board of directors of the Roanoke Country Club, and is fraternally affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He attends the First Baptist Church of Roanoke. He is unmarried.

Dr. Muir's offices are in the Shenandoah Building in Roanoke.

WILLIAM EDWARD LOVING—Widely known in business circles in his Virginia district, William Edward Loving operates the Loving Funeral Home, in Harrisonburg, and the W. L. Rosenberger Funeral Home, in Bridgewater.

Mr. Loving was born March 3, 1919, in Hot Springs, Virginia, son of Charles Nicholas and Mamie Iva (McLaughlin) Loving. His father, also a funeral director and embalmer, is serving at the time of writing as a member of the Virginia House of Representatives, in which he is the elected representative from Bath County. The mother died January 13, 1941.

William Edward Loving attended public schools in Bath County, and after graduation from high school in 1937, he studied in the Dunmore Business College, in Staunton, where he completed his course in 1938. For his professional work, he went to the Cincinnati College of Embalming, where he was graduated in 1939. He became associated at that time with his father in Hot Springs, remaining with the Loving Funeral Home there until 1942. In that year he was inducted into the Armed Forces as a private in the 264th Medical Battalion, Fourth Engineers Special Brigade, completing his term of service as a commissioned officer. He served in New Guinea and in the Pacific Theatre of Operations, taking part in the Battle of Luzon and in the occupation of Japan. He returned to the United States on December 4, 1945, and was honorably discharged in January, 1946. Resuming his civilian work, he was employed for several months by the Craig and Bassett Funeral Home, in Bassett, Virginia, until he came to Harrisonburg, in 1947. Since that time he has operated the Loving Funeral Home here and, as indicated above, he also owns the W. L. Rosenberger Funeral Home, in Bridgewater.

He is treasurer of the Shenandoah Valley Funeral Directors and Embalmers' Club. He also takes part in civic affairs as a member of the Kiwanis Club and the United Commercial Travelers and belongs to the organized Reserve Corps, the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks as well as the First



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Presbyterian Church of Harrisonburg. His wife is a Baptist.

William Edward Loving married, December 25, 1941, in Covington, Virginia, Iona Purkey, a native of Bath County, daughter of Jonas and Pearl (Abbingdon) Purkey. They became the parents of one son, William Edward Loving, Jr., born September 10, 1942.

CURTIS O. ROBERSON—Administrative assistant to the vice-president and general manager of the Appalachian Electric Power Company, Curtis O. Roberson has been associated with this important utilities corporation for nearly a quarter of a century. After being graduated in business administration, he was employed for two years as stenographer-clerk for Gibbs and Hill, consulting engineers, Roanoke and Narrows, Virginia. In 1926 he became private secretary to the Roanoke division manager of the Appalachian Electric Power Company, and continued in this capacity to 1944, since when he has been administrative assistant to the vice-president and general manager of this company.

Mr. Roberson was born at Dodson, Patrick County, Virginia, on May 21, 1905, son of the Rev. James Benjamin Roberson and the former Judith Jane Turner, his father being a clergyman in the Church of the Brethren. Curtis O. Roberson was graduated from the American School, Chicago, Illinois, is a graduate of the National Business College, Roanoke, and was graduated in business management from the La Salle Extension University, Chicago. His first employment of note was in a clerical capacity, and as above indicated, except for two years, he has been identified with the Appalachian Electric Power Company, being one of those fortunate men who chose a career early in life and continued in it with efficiency and success. Mr. Roberson enjoys prominence and contacts as a member of the Roanoke Chamber of Commerce and Virginia State Chamber of Commerce; is a director of the Better Business Bureau of Roanoke; a member of the Southeastern Electric Exchange, of Atlanta, and of the Public Utilities Association of the Virginias, Charleston, West Virginia. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Elks Club, the United Commercial Travelers, and the American and Roanoke Rose societies. He is a member of the Church of the Brethren, worships at the Greene Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church, and is active in religious and charitable projects in the city.

On June 8, 1932, at Roanoke, Virginia, Curtis O. Roberson married Gertie Winoma Ross, daughter of George William and Lera Noel (Goode) Ross. Mr. and Mrs. Roberson are the parents of a son: James Oliver, born at Roanoke, October 26, 1936.

MARCELLUS ALEXANDER JOHNSON, JR., M.D.—Born in Roanoke, Virginia, on September 23, 1893, Marcellus Alexander Johnson is the son of Marcellus Alexander and Catherine (Arthur) Johnson. A brother, Louis A. Johnson, is United States Secretary of Defense. The father, a merchant, is a substantial citizen of Roanoke. The future doctor was educated in the elementary and high schools of his birth city, graduating from the latter in 1912. Matriculating at Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia, he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine, with the class of 1916. Dr. Johnson, Jr., served an internship at the Lewis-Gale Hospital, Roanoke, during 1916-17 and 1917-18. He took extensive post-graduate courses at Harvard University; the New York Post-Graduate Hospital, New York City; Boston City Hospital, Boston; and in Chicago hospitals and clinics.

Dr. Johnson, Jr., is Chief Surgeon of the Industrial Department of Lewis-Gale Hospital, and has many other important professional connections. As indicated, he was an intern here immediately after receiving his medical degree, and his long connection began as assistant in surgery to Dr. S. S. Gale. In 1927 he was made vice-president and assistant chief surgeon of the institution. He is assistant chief surgeon of the Norfolk and Western Railway Company. Like many another of his generation, the course of his career was interrupted by military service during World War II, when he spent four years with the United States Army. With the rank of major he went overseas, serving in the European Theater of Operations, where he won a full colonelcy. He was commanding officer of the 316th Station Hospital, and commanding officer at the 192nd General Hospital in England, prior to being separated from the Medical Corps in September, 1945. A member of the Military Order of World Wars, he is State Commander.

Dr. Johnson, Jr., has been a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons since 1931, was president of the Academy of Medicine of Roanoke, 1949-50; and figures prominently in the American Medical Association, the Virginia State Medical Association, the Southwest Virginia Medical Association, and the Southeast Surgical So-

ciety. He is president of the Roanoke Blood Bank, Inc., and is first president (1948-49) of the International Rescue and First Aid Association, of Roanoke. A member of the Kiwanis and the Roanoke Country clubs, Dr. Johnson is especially prominent in community projects and groups. He has been awarded the Omicron Delta Kappa "key" by the Virginia Polytechnic Institute for "civic activities." He attends the Greene Memorial Church, in the city.

On July 4, 1915, at Winston-Salem, North Carolina, Dr. Marcellus Alexander Johnson, Jr., married Ethel Wright, daughter of Franklin P. and Emma (Patterson) Wright. Dr. and Mrs. Johnson, Jr., are the parents of three children: 1. Dr. Marcellus Alexander Johnson, III, of Rochester, Minnesota. 2. Mrs. Ruth (Johnson) Meadows. 3. Mrs. Dorothy Ann (Johnson) Nichols. There are seven grandchildren.

JOHN SHELBURNE SUMPTER—In Roanoke business circles, John Shelburne Sumpter is esteemed for his knowledge, experience and judgment in the field of commerce. He made his way through life on his own abilities and enterprise, and from an unimportant position in the Noland Company rose to the managership of the concern. He has been directing its affairs for the past fifteen years and has contributed exceptionally to the prosperity of the concern, evidenced in a recent new establishment at a different location in the city.

John Shelburne Sumpter was born at Camp Creek, Floyd County, Virginia, on February 3, 1891, son of Ballard Preston and Louisa Jane (Richardson) Sumpter. Raised on his father's farm, he attended the elementary schools of Floyd County, and Daleville College, Daleville, where he was a student from 1912 to 1915. He likewise pursued summer courses at the Radford Normal College. While he had teaching as a profession, its prospects were not too good for an ambitious young man, and he engaged in various occupations prior to joining the Noland Company.

Always patriotic, Mr. Sumpter enlisted for service during World War I, and became a member of the Eleventh Virginia Company, Coast Artillery, a unit organized in Roanoke. He later was attached to the Thirty-fifth Regiment of Coast Artillery, at Camp Meade, Maryland, and was honorably discharged from the Armed Forces on December 5, 1918. Upon resuming civilian activities, Mr. Sumpter became, early in 1919, a

warehouseman for the Noland Company, of Roanoke. He acted in various capacities before 1925, when he went to Greenville, South Carolina, as warehouse manager. Then followed a period of active and constructive leadership in merchandising, first in Lynchburg in the local store of the Noland Company; at Hagerstown, Maryland, 1930, in charge of the firm's branch store; and in January, 1935, Mr. Sumpter was brought back to Roanoke to take charge of the city store. His executive capacities, organization abilities and gift for winning the loyalty of employees and the cooperation of associates had been of major importance in the development of the establishment, when on April 1, 1949, he had the very great pleasure of seeing it moved to a new locality with enlarged facilities and equipment for the most modern type of merchandising. Down through the years Mr. Sumpter has entered the civic and social activities of the several cities in which he has lived and labored. He was president of the Hagerstown, Maryland, Rotary Club in 1934. He belongs to the Travelers Protective Association, and fraternally is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, the Lodge, and the Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, and is a fourteenth degree member of the Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. He enjoys membership in the Roanoke Country Club, and is a communicant of Calvary Baptist Church, of Roanoke.

On February 4, 1924, at Roanoke, Virginia, John Shelburne Sumpter married Virgie Maye Martin, the daughter of Joseph Milton and Anzennetta (Sowers) Martin. Mr. and Mrs. Sumpter are the parents of two daughters: 1. Jane Milton, born September 20, 1926. 2. Janice Lee, born December 23, 1932.

RICHARD ADAMS NELSON—The Norfolk and Western Railway, whose headquarters is in Roanoke, has claimed the loyalty of many employees, and numbers of its personnel have distinguished records of service to their credit. Few, however, can equal Richard Adams Nelson's uninterrupted connection with the railway, which dates from the earliest years of the century. He entered its employ in 1902 as a scale clerk at Vivian, West Virginia; and he now holds the responsible office of superintendent of terminals at Roanoke.

Mr. Nelson is a son of Cleland Kinloch and Ella (Scott) Nelson, and was born in Charlemont, Bedford County, Virginia, October 30, 1884. His father was a farmer, operating considerable acre-



Harold Woods Sr

age in that county, and he also built up an enviable record of service as a military man, having attended St. John's Academy, at Annapolis, and serving the cause of the Confederacy during the War Between the States. The family is an honored one in Virginia, dating back many years, and producing many illustrious citizens whose contributions to the progress of the state have been notable.

Richard A. Nelson received his education in the public grade and high schools of Bedford County, Virginia, and Lynchburg. Railroading has been his only occupation since first he sought remunerative employment. He identified himself with the Norfolk and Western Railway as scale clerk on September 15, 1902, at Vivian, West Virginia; and his subsequent advancement with that railroad is thus indicated: March 3, 1904 to July 1, 1905, car checker, North Fork, West Virginia; July 1 to October 1, 1905, night yardmaster, North Fork; October 1, 1905 to January 22, 1906, night yardmaster at Vivian; January 22, 1906 to November 1, 1911, day yardmaster at Vivian; November 11, 1911 to May 1, 1912, general yardmaster, Wilcoe, West Virginia; May 1, 1912 to June 26, 1917, general yardmaster at Williamson, West Virginia; June 27, 1917 to August 1, 1918, assistant trainmaster at Eckman, West Virginia; August 1, 1918 to October 1, 1925, assistant trainmaster at Kenova, West Virginia; October 1, 1925 to April 1, 1932, trainmaster of the Scioto Division, Portsmouth, Virginia; April 1, 1932 to December 1, 1938, trainmaster, Norfolk Division, at Crewe, Virginia. On December 1, 1938, Mr. Nelson was advanced to the position of superintendent of terminals at Roanoke, and has discharged its responsibilities most capably to the present time.

Mr. Nelson is a member of the American Association of Railroad Superintendents, and served as a member of its board of directors. In consequence of his length of service, devotion to railroading, and his proven ability, he is held in high regard wherever railroaders gather. Locally, he is an active fraternalist, affiliated with the lodges of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons and Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and he is a member of the Kiwanis Club, which he has served as a director. In Masonry, Mr. Nelson has attained the rank of Knights Templar and has joined the local temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. A communicant of St. John's Episcopal Church, he serves that congregation as a member of the vestry. In his politics, Mr. Nelson is a Democrat.

In Wilmington, North Carolina, January 19, 1910, Richard Adams Nelson married Caroline Sale Hardwicke, daughter of William Sale and Johnnie G. (Gause) Hardwicke. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson are the parents of two children: 1. Mrs. Kinloch (Nelson) Wilson, who was born April 5, 1913. 2. Richard A., Jr., born December 11, 1914. He married Mary White Sheffield, and they have two children: i. Richard A., III, born April 17, 1943. ii. William S. Nelson, born October 23, 1947.

HAROLD WOODS, SR.—In Roanoke, the Woods Coffee Company is one of the most popular in its field, and is very much a family concern. More than twenty years ago it was established by Harold Woods, Sr., and as his children matured, four sons and three daughters, they became associated with him in business. Early in life he became a salesman, and with this demanding profession was identified for a number of years "on the road" before he decided to become a distributor of commercial products from his own enterprise.

A native of Guilford County, North Carolina, Harold Woods, Sr., was born in 1884, a son of James Robert and Emily Cornelia Woods, both also natives of Guilford County. His father, a farmer, was a substantial citizen of his community, who was honored by election to the House of Representatives of North Carolina in 1889, and did some constructive work as a legislator. Harold Woods was raised on the family plantation and attended a one-room school in Guilford County. Although he did not have a college education when most boys were enjoying that privilege, his intimate contact with people down through the years and a keen interest in affairs, local, State and national, has given him a knowledge and experience beyond that obtainable in schools. He remained with his parents until he had almost become of age, following agriculture, and in 1903 took a job in a department store at Greensboro, North Carolina. Later he farmed in this section of the State for three years before removing to Mount Airy, North Carolina, where he was a general merchant for another three years. He then went to Statesville, same State, where he sold meat for the Tennessee Stock Yards and Packing Company, of Nashville, Tennessee. After a year he changed his work to that of a flour salesman for the McCue Wright Milling Company, of Bluefield, West Virginia, and this appears to have been the line of enterprise to which he could

give his best efforts and win substantial success. Then and later he sold flour and allied products for the Sterling Mills of Statesville, with a territory that included both the Carolinas and a part of Virginia, and so continued for twelve years.

The direction of the career of Harold Woods was changed at that time, when for two years he traveled for the Roanoke Coffee and Spice Company. Resigning from this position, he traveled for the C. W. Antrim and Sons Company, coffee distributors of Richmond, Virginia. By this time he had enough of "the road" and decided that there was an opportunity for a coffee house in Roanoke. Hence it came about that Woods Brothers Coffee Company was launched in the city in 1927. Of it he has remained as head, and has been fortunate in gradually having associated with him in business his sons and daughters, making it a most effective closed concern. With community projects Mr. Woods co-operates constructively, and among his favorite affiliations are those with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Lions Club. He attends the Angelica Reformed Church, Roanoke, and is generous in contributions to religious and charitable works.

In 1904, in Guilford County, Virginia, Harold Woods married Bertha Hazel Welker, daughter of William and Sarah Rebecca (Mehane) Welker. Mr. and Mrs. Woods are the parents of the following children: 1. Nevin Welker, born September 8, 1905. 2. Billie Lee, born May 13, 1908. 3. Norman Mehane, born December 13, 1909. 4. Robert William, born May 15, 1912. 5. Harold, Jr., born July 3, 1914. 6. Mildred Hazel, born April 4, 1917, who married Mr. Barbour. 7. Margaret June, born June 5, 1921, who married Mr. Tothill. 8. Edwin Clyde, born January 27, 1924. 9. James Allen, born March 30, 1926.

WILLIAM LEVEN POWELL, M.D.—A physician with an extensive general practice in Roanoke, William Leven Powell, M.D., has served that city in his professional capacity for over forty years. He has received exceptionally thorough medical training, has been president of several medical societies, has served his country in time of war, and has interested himself constructively in civic and fraternal activities.

In serving loyally the community in which he lives, Dr. Powell follows in the tradition of an old Shenandoah Valley family of whose attainments he may justly be proud, a family who made

their seat in Winchester, Frederick County. He is a son of William Leven and Evelylin (Magill) Powell, and his father, who was a civil engineer, served as a captain under General Overstreet during the War Between the States. Dr. Powell himself was born in Winchester, August 31, 1876. He attended elementary and high schools there, and continued his education at the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, where he completed his professional preparation and received the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1900. He interned for five years at the Polyclinic Hospital, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the State Hospital at Warren, Pennsylvania, St. Ann's Infant Asylum, and the Maternity Hospital, in Cleveland, Ohio; and after this thorough indoctrination in medical practice, came to Roanoke, where for two years (1906 to 1908) he was superintendent at the hospital. He has since augmented his knowledge of the field of medicine with postgraduate studies at hospitals located at Rochester, Minnesota (the Mayo Clinic); Johns Hopkins in Baltimore, Maryland; and in Boston.

Dr. Powell entered the private practice of medicine as general practitioner in Roanoke in 1908, while concurrently holding appointment at the Roanoke Hospital as superintendent. He has remained in practice in that city since, the only interruption being at the time of World War I, when he served in the United States Army Medical Corps.

At the time of enlisting for service in that conflict, Dr. Powell was commissioned a first lieutenant, and he was discharged with the rank of captain. In the meantime he had been stationed at Philadelphia, at Fort Oglethorpe and at Camp Sherman. He became assignment and procurement officer of the Sixth District, and passed upon the availability of physicians in the various districts for Army service. Dr. Powell also served on the Roanoke City appeal board.

Dr. William Leven Powell served as president of the Roanoke Academy of Medicine, in 1924; as president of the Medical Society of Virginia during 1946 and 1947; and also as president of the General Practice Society of Virginia, 1947-1948. He is a member of the American Medical Association, and the medical groups of his state and his county.

Fraternally, Dr. Powell is a member of the lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Knights of Pythias; and he is affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. He was formerly affiliated with two local organiza-

tions: the Shenandoah Club and the Roanoke Country Club. Dr. Powell is a communicant of the Second Presbyterian Church, of Roanoke.

At Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, November 23, 1908, William Leven Powell, Jr., M.D., married Eleanor Kerr, and they are the parents of a son, John Randolph, who was born August 15, 1912. John Randolph Powell is married, and is the father of two daughters, Eleanor and Anne.

PAUL JENNINGS JOHNSON of Roanoke has proved himself one of the loyal and able employees of the Appalachian Electric Power Company of Roanoke. He has used his engineering training effectively as hydro supervising engineer of the Roanoke plant.

A native of Morgantown, West Virginia, Mr. Johnson was born August 19, 1909, and is a son of Grover C. and Etta (Bush) Johnson. Grover C. Johnson was a clerk with the Morgantown Flour and Feed Company. After attending the elementary schools of his native city and graduating from high school there in 1926, Paul J. Johnson entered the University of West Virginia, from which he graduated in 1931 with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering. He thereafter took two years of postgraduate work at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and thus entered his chosen field with thorough preparation.

Mr. Johnson started work with the Appalachian Electric Power Company at Cabin Creek, West Virginia, in 1934, assigned to the results department. He remained there until 1936. In that year he went with the Kanawha Valley Power Company as junior engineer, and during his years with that utilities firm advanced to the position of plant superintendent. In 1948, he returned with the Appalachian Electric Power Company as hydro supervising engineer, which position he holds now. His quiet and diligent work has been highly valued by the company.

Mr. Johnson is a member of the Virginia Heights Baptist Church.

In Morgantown, West Virginia, August 26, 1930, Paul Jennings Johnson married Elnora Hall, daughter of Ford B. and O'Dessa Mae (Rowan) Hall. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are the parents of three children: Elnora Jane, John Paul, and Mary Colleen. Since joining the Appalachian Electric Power Company at its headquarters in Roanoke, Mr. Johnson has been a resident of that city.

BROADDUS ESTES CHEWNING — During his business career in Roanoke, Broaddus E. Chewning has identified himself with both produce marketing and automobile sales. He is sole owner of the Jarrett-Chewning Company, Inc., automotive agency. But Mr. Chewning is perhaps best known among his fellow citizens for the active part he plays in all worth-while community programs. He has been campaign chairman for the Community Fund, executive director of the city and county Community Fund, member of the board of the Chamber of Commerce, and past president and past lieutenant governor of the Kiwanis. He has been active in the work of his church. In fraternal affairs, Mr. Chewning has distinguished himself as Past Potentate of Kazim Temple of the Shrine.

Mr. Chewning is a native of Roanoke, and was born September 19, 1893, son of Aurelius G. and Annie (Estes) Chewning. His father was owner of the firm of A. G. Chewning and Son, Roanoke's first wholesale fruit and produce dealers. At the age of sixteen, Aurelius G. Chewning had been courier for the famous General Lighthorse Harry Lee during the War Between the States. Broaddus E. Chewning attended the elementary schools and Jefferson High School in Roanoke, graduating from the latter in 1912. He began his business career in the produce business, in association with his father, the firm being the above mentioned A. G. Chewning and Son. For seven years he continued in this commercial endeavor, and in January, 1919, made his start in the automobile business, in a partnership under the name of Jarrett-Chewning Company, Inc. His partner was Dr. J. T. Jarrett, of whose son, William A. Jarrett, a sketch appears in this volume. In 1922, the firm became agents for Studebaker cars. Mr. Chewning became sole owner of the company in 1930.

For many years, Mr. Chewning has been vitally interested in promoting the progress of his city, and this interest has taken many constructive forms. In 1933, he served as campaign chairman of the Community Fund campaign. At the urging of his fellow business men, he took over actively as executive director of the Roanoke City and County Community Fund on May 1, 1942; and he was active in all phases of fund raising during the trying years of World War II. Mr. Chewning has been a member of the board of the Roanoke Chamber of Commerce. Long a leader in the Kiwanis, he was president of the Roanoke organization in 1932, and the next year became lieutenant

governor of the Fifth District, Kiwanis International. Wholeheartedly committed to the religious program of the Calvary Baptist Church, Mr. Chewning has served that congregation as deacon, and is president of the Lynn Memorial Bible Class.

In line with his commercial activities, Mr. Chewning is a member, and past president, of the Roanoke Automobile Dealers Association. He is a stockholder in the First National Exchange Bank and in the Mountain Trust Bank. He belongs to the Shenandoah Club, and the Roanoke Country Club, and, as a veteran of World War I, is a member of Post No. 4, in Roanoke, of the American Legion.

His World War I service consisted of being fighting observer, with the rank of second lieutenant, in the early aviation group which during that conflict was a part of the Signal Corps. He was in one of the first two airplanes ever to collide in midair, but escaped without serious harm. He was stationed at Selfridge Field, Mount Clemens, Michigan, and was discharged November 22, 1918.

One of Mr. Chewning's vital contributions has been his role of leadership in the highest order affiliated with the Masonic bodies, the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. As a Mason, Mr. Chewning advanced through the various degrees of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite to the thirty-second degree and later the coveted Knight Commander of the Court of Honor was bestowed on him. Taking his place among the select membership of Kazim Temple, he was elected Potentate of that body, and served during 1948.

In Roanoke, Virginia, January 19, 1916, Broadus Estes Chewning married Helen Speece Sheahan, daughter of John Joseph and Mary Ellen Speece Sheahan. Mr. and Mrs. Chewning became the parents of two children: 1. Helen (Chewning) Fitzpatrick, born February 15, 1923, wife of Beverly T. Fitzpatrick, Assistant Commonwealth Attorney of Roanoke City; they have one son, Beverly, Jr. 2. Broadus Estes, Jr., who was born November 12, 1926; graduated from Georgetown University, class of 1949, with the Bachelor of Science degree in Foreign Service, and is now associated with the Jarrett-Chewning Company and serves on the board of directors and the executive board of this corporation.

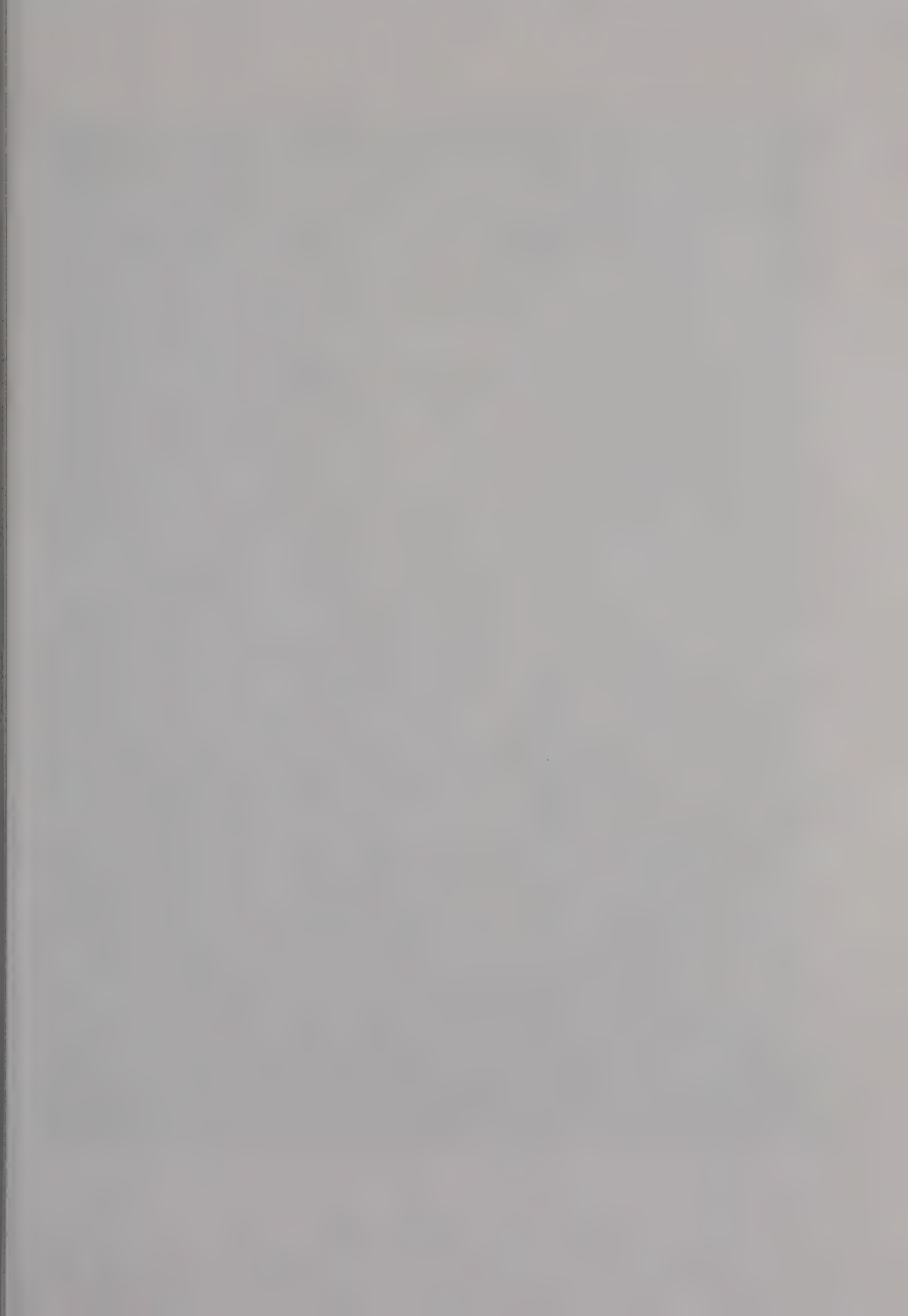
LEON JERL WALTON, D.D.S.—For nearly three decades, Leon J. Walton, D.D.S., has been engaged in dental practice in Roanoke, specializing in periodontology. He maintains offices in the Shenandoah Building. Active in the associations of his professional colleagues, Dr. Walton has held office in several of them, and his record of civic service is excellent.

Dr. Walton was born in Louisa County, Virginia, in the town now known as Vigor, but at that time called Walton's Store. Its original name was given in recognition of Dr. Walton's father, Joel William Walton, who was a merchant operating a general retailing establishment there, which quite naturally became the center of a small settlement. Joel Walton married Emma Eva Johnson. Their son was brought up in the rural community, and attended high school at Mineral, also in Louisa County, from which he graduated in 1910. He completed further courses at William and Mary Academy in 1911, and at William and Mary College two years later. The first World War intervened at this period of his education, but he resumed his studies afterwards, and in 1919 graduated with the degree of Doctor of Dental Science from the Medical College of Virginia. In recent years, Dr. Walton has furthered his professional knowledge with refresher courses in periodontia at the University of Michigan and Northwestern University, in 1945 and 1947.

His period of duty during World War I brought assignment to the Medical Department of the 116th Infantry, after which he was transferred to Reserve Officers Training Corps. He was mustered out in 1918. Thereafter, Dr. Walton taught at the Medical College of the University of Virginia until 1920, from which year dates his professional practice in Roanoke. Since his recent studies at the universities in the North, he has specialized in periodontia.

Dr. Walton is president of the Virginia State Dental Association for 1949-1950; and he is past president of both the Roanoke and the Piedmont dental associations. He holds membership in the American Dental Association and in the Fédération Dentaire Internationale. His fraternities are Omicron Kappa Upsilon (honorary), Sigma Phi Epsilon, and Xi Psi Phi.

During World War II, Dr. Walton served on the Emergency Board of Roanoke City. He is a member of the Roanoke Round Table and the Roanoke Country Club, and attends the Methodist Church.





Leo F. Henebry

At Roanoke on July 24, 1921, Dr. Leon Jerl Walton married Flora Mildred Rasmussen, daughter of Peter and Rose Mary Rasmussen. A daughter, Nancy Leon, was born to Dr. and Mrs. Walton on June 30, 1939.

WILLIAM JEFFERSON ROBERTS — With one phase of street transportation in Roanoke, William Jefferson Roberts has been active since boyhood. A native of the city, born on August 26, 1915, he is the son of Haywood E. and Scottie (Wiley) Roberts. His father founded the Virginia Cab Company in the depression years of the early nineteen thirties, and upon his death in 1935 left the bulk of the responsibility for the further development of the enterprise upon the shoulders of his two sons, T. E. and W. J. Roberts not yet become of age.

William Jefferson Roberts was educated in the elementary and high schools of Roanoke, being graduated from Jefferson High School with the class of 1933. In the same year he became associated with his father in the Virginia Cab Company, as an office assistant. Two years later when the older man passed to his reward, the son became secretary and treasurer of the concern now known as the Yellow Cab Company, of Roanoke. In the past fifteen years he has worked hard and successfully to provide the people of the city and neighboring areas with the best possible taxi service; often it accounts for twenty hours a day, but this is his main interest and the company stands high in the appreciation of the public. During World War II, when he was excused from military activities because he was engaged in an essential occupation, his concern was the only one of its kind in the community providing twenty-four hour service. Mr. Roberts is civic minded and ready to cooperate with local projects when possible, but he never has had the time to join organizations. His religious affiliations are with the First Baptist Church, of the city.

On November 1, 1948, at Roanoke, Virginia, William Jefferson Roberts married Dorothy Strickland, daughter of William and Lessie (Taylor) Strickland. Mr. and Mrs. Roberts are the parents of a daughter: Dorothy Marie, born August 5, 1949.

LEO FENTON HENEBRY—Although known primarily in Roanoke as a successful jeweler, president of the firm of Henebry and Son Jewelry

Company, Leo Fenton Henebry has identified himself with a number of other worth-while enterprises, has served his city as mayor and as member of the city council, and has enlarged his initial enterprise into a chain of jewelry stores, situated in Bristol and Salem, Virginia, Fayetteville, North Carolina, and Oak Ridge, Tennessee. He is one of Roanoke's best examples of a busy citizen whose activities have always been directed toward worthwhile ends.

A native of Roanoke, Leo Fenton Henebry was born October 31, 1894, and is a son of Joseph Peter and Frances Arnott (Carr) Henebry. His father, too, was a jeweler, having started the present firm in 1900. It has grown steadily since that time. Mr. Joseph Peter Henebry died October 22, 1922.

Leo Fenton Henebry received parochial school education in Roanoke, attending St. Andrew's School; he left this school in 1907 and entered Belmont Abbey College, where he finished in 1911. He received technical training in watchmaking and jewelry at Bowman School of Technology in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated in 1915. Since his graduation Mr. Henebry has been identified with the jewelry business. He worked for his father, Joseph P. Henebry during vacation periods and, after finishing at Bowman Technical School, joined his father's business on a permanent basis. Upon returning home from World War I he was taken into partnership by his father, and since the latter's death has become owner and president of the Henebry and Son Jewelry Company. He has, during these more than three decades of activity in the jewelry field, become widely recognized and highly esteemed among his colleagues, and was recently re-elected vice-president of the American National Retail Jewelers Association, at the organization's convention held in New York City in 1948. Mr. Henebry's Roanoke store is located at 209 Jefferson Street. But his business there has been augmented in recent years by the addition of a chain of stores under his management. These are located at Salem and Bristol, Virginia, Fayetteville, North Carolina, and the growing community of Oak Ridge, Tennessee, certainly one of the most widely publicized communities in the United States. The Henebry firm is one of the most promising merchandising enterprises centered in the Shenandoah Valley. In each of these cities this concern is known under the name of Henebry's, Inc., except the Bristol store which is known as D. B. Ryland and Company, of Bristol, Virginia.

Still another of Mr. Henebry's commercial activities has been in connection with radio broadcasting. He is president of Radio Roanoke Inc., which operates Station WROV.

Mr. Henebry has been an effective figure in local city government. He was a member of the Roanoke City Council from 1938 to 1946, and in 1943 was elected mayor of the city, in which capacity he served until September 1, 1946. His administration is remembered by his fellow townsmen as a progressive and competent one, notable for its advancement of the civic welfare.

A veteran of World War I, Mr. Henebry served in the United States Navy during that conflict, held the rank of ensign, and was assigned to the Supply Corps. He was stationed at the Naval Operating Base at Norfolk and was later supply officer on the U.S.S. "Ternante."

Mr. Henebry is fraternally identified with the Knights of Columbus and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Active in the affairs of the American Legion since his period of naval service, he has served his local post as commander. Locally, he is a member of the Lions Club and the Shenandoah Club, also the Roanoke Country Club. He was president of the Roanoke Chamber of Commerce in 1931 and has also been president of the Roanoke Merchants Association. Of Catholic faith, he is a member of St. Andrews Church.

At Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on January 25, 1921, Leo Fenton Henebry was married, and he is the father of two children: 1. Lucille Frances, married George A. Dix. 2. Julia Ann, is the wife of William P. Childers. Mr. Henebry makes his home at 2702 Avenham Avenue, Roanoke.

FRANKLIN K. DAY, JR.—An attorney by training, with experience in various bureaus of the state and the federal government, Franklin K. Day, Jr., is assistant general manager of the Norfolk and Western Railway, having been advanced to that office in 1947.

Mr. Day is a native of Fairmont, West Virginia, born July 2, 1909. He is a son of Franklin Kaercher and Evelyn (Reed) Day. His father, an engineer, is now general superintendent of the Pardee and Curtin Lumber Company, in Webster Springs, West Virginia.

Franklin K. Day, Jr., graduated from Coalwood High School in 1926, and attended Lafayette College during 1926-1927. He continued his advanced education at the University of West Virginia, from which he received the degree of Bachelor

of Laws in 1933. Mr. Day was admitted to the bar in that year, and began practice in his native state in association with A. N. Breckinridge. This association continued from October, 1933 to February, 1934. Mr. Day then entered the service of his state, becoming secretary to the West Virginia State Tax Commissioner, in which he served from February until November, 1934. From that time until May, 1935, Mr. Day was an abstractor for the Bureau of Acquisition, United States Department of Agriculture.

In May, 1935, Franklin K. Day, Jr., re-entered law practice, as a member of the law firm of Sanders and Day, in Bluefield, West Virginia. For the next eight years he continued in this practice. After this period of successful practice, he determined to join the staff of the Norfolk and Western Railway; and made the change on March 16, 1943, on which date he assumed the position of assistant chief of personnel. On October 1, 1944, Mr. Day was made chief of personnel of the railroad, so continuing until November 1, 1947, when he became assistant general manager of the railroad, with offices in the Norfolk and Western Railway Building, Roanoke.

Professionally, Mr. Day is affiliated with Phi Alpha Delta, legal fraternity, and he is a member of the West Virginia Bar Association and the Mercer County Bar Association. He belongs also to Theta Delta Chi social fraternity. Locally, he is a member of the Roanoke Country Club. He is a Presbyterian.

At Bluefield, West Virginia, May 6, 1938, Franklin K. Day, Jr., married Mary Dunglinson,¹ daughter of George, Jr., and Marie (Boyd) Dunglinson. Mr. and Mrs. Day are the parents of a daughter, Mary Boyd, born September 16, 1940.

CHARLES LUCIAN CROCKETT of Roanoke, who has devoted his career to the Norfolk and Western Railway, has advanced during those years from the position of laborer to that of chief chemist. In addition to being a well-known figure in the chemical field, and head of organizations and groups of his colleagues, Mr. Crockett has also manifested his leadership in community affairs, through the activities of such bodies as the Roanoke Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club. In his own field, he has been the recipient of the George Warren Fuller Award.

A native of Draper, Virginia, Charles Lucian Crockett was born November 2, 1898, and is a son of Robert Lee and Elizabeth (Crockett)

Crockett. Robert Lee Crockett achieved a successful career as insurance salesman. In his native town of Draper, Charles Lucian Crockett received his elementary and high school education, and he graduated from high school there in 1914. For two years, his course terminating in the summer of 1917, he attended Hampden-Sydney College.

Beginning his career in that year, Mr. Crockett sought employment with the Norfolk and Western Railway at Roanoke, and was given the opportunity to start in the chemical laboratory as laborer. He took advantage of this chance, and turned his skills to such good use that he advanced to assistant chemist, in 1919; to chemist, in 1935; and became chief chemist, his present position, in 1946.

Mr. Crockett has attained recognition in his own field. A member of the American Society for Testing Materials, he is chairman of the subcommittee XV of committee D-1 on Paints. He is also a member of the American Chemical Society, and is a past chairman of the Blue Ridge Section. He is a member of the American Water Works Association, of which he served as president of the Virginia section in 1943, and he was president of the Southwestern Virginia Engineers' Club in 1948. Mr. Crockett was the recipient, in 1945, of the George Warren Fuller Award for outstanding and distinguished service in the water-works field.

Locally, Mr. Crockett's leadership has been no less highly valued. He is a member of the Roanoke Chamber of Commerce, and is chairman of its subcommittee on sanitation. A Rotarian, he is a member of the board of directors of the Roanoke Rotary for 1948-1950, and secretary for the same term, his second term in the latter office. Mr. Crockett is a communicant of the Raleigh Court Presbyterian Church of Roanoke.

At Roanoke, on November 1, 1921, Charles Lucian Crockett married Frances Scott, daughter of Ernest L. and Florence (Good) Scott. Mr. and Mrs. Crockett are the parents of two children: 1. Charles Lucian, Jr., born October 21, 1922. 2. Mary Elizabeth, born August 9, 1932. The family resides at 2316 Fairway Drive, Roanoke.

FRED GREEN REPASS, D.D.S., M.S.D.—

With practice limited to oral surgery in Roanoke since 1938, and with ample experience in his profession prior to that time, Fred Green Repass, D.D.S., M.S.D., is also active in a variety of fields apart from his professional connections. To his

favorite avocation, horses, he has devoted enough attention to have won blue ribbons in a number of showings; he is also vitally interested in amateur photography; and he enjoys such outdoor sports as fishing. His leadership has been valued among his colleagues, and he has been made president of several dental associations. In Roanoke, his practice has been limited to oral surgery.

Born in Tazewell County, Virginia, Dr. Fred Green Repass is a son of James Albert and Jennie (Green) Repass, his father having followed the occupation of farmer, and having been successful also as a merchant. Dr. Repass' birth date was September 2, 1903. He attended the Richlands High School in Tazewell County, from which he graduated in 1923, and undertook his professional preparation at the University of Richmond, class of 1924. His degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery was granted by the Medical College of Virginia at Richmond, in 1928. Dr. Repass has taken graduate work at Northwestern University in Chicago, and holds the degree of Master of Science in Oral Surgery from that institution, which was granted in 1938.

Before beginning practice, Dr. Repass had some experience in the educational field, being an instructor at the Dental School of the Medical College of Virginia from 1928 to 1930. In the latter year, he began practice of his profession, choosing Bedford as his location. He remained in that Virginia city until 1937; and his studies in oral surgery at the Northwestern University intervened at this period. On completion of his courses in Chicago, he began practice in the field of his specialty at Roanoke, and has practiced there since, taking only cases involving oral surgery.

Dr. Repass is a member of the American Society of Oral Surgeons, and Theta Chi, Psi Omega Chapter at the University of Richmond. A member of the Roanoke Dental Society and the Piedmont Dental Society, he has served as president of both of these organizations, of the former in 1941-1942, and of the latter in 1947-1948.

Locally, Dr. Repass is a member of the Hidden Valley Country Club (charter member), and of the Roanoke Country Club. He is a Baptist in his religious faith, attending the church of that denomination in Roanoke. Photography affords Dr. Repass an interesting hobby, but he takes a still more vital interest in raising and showing horses, and has won many prizes.

At Roanoke on August 4, 1933, Fred Green Repass, D.D.S., M.S.D., married Hazel Wiles, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Wiles. Mr. and

Mrs. Repass are the parents of four children: Fred Green, Jr., James Albert, John Scott and Thomas Hurt.

Dr. Repass maintains offices in the Medical Arts Building in Roanoke.

HIRAM S. DANCE—The career of Hiram S. Dance has been largely associated with the operations of the Virginia Bridge Company, of which he is now vice-president in charge of manufacturing. He centers his activities in the Roanoke headquarters of the company.

Mr. Dance was born February 17, 1892, in Crewe, Nottoway, Virginia, son of Richard E. and Mary (Beale) Dance. His father was a passenger conductor on the Norfolk and Western Railways and was long a resident of Roanoke.

Hiram S. Dance attended school in Roanoke, where he was graduated from high school in 1910. In 1910 and 1911 he was a student at Washington and Lee University in Lexington. He was first employed at the Virginia Bridge and Iron Company in Roanoke in July, 1911, as an apprentice in the drafting department. Three years later he was transferred to the general office, in which he successively served as advertising manager, assistant secretary, traffic manager and secretary. In his years of service in those positions, he acquired a thorough knowledge of the details of company undertakings, and in February, 1936, Mr. Dance was made assistant operating manager. By that time the organization had come to be known as the Virginia Bridge Company, and on January 1, 1946, Mr. Dance was made its vice-president in charge of manufacturing operations, as well as one of its directors.

In addition to his work with the Virginia Bridge Company, he has participated in the activities of several civic and community groups in Roanoke and this vicinity. He belongs to the Rotary Club and the Roanoke Country Club, and is a member of Greene Memorial Methodist Church.

Hiram S. Dance married October 3, 1917, in Roanoke, Virginia, Esther M. Coulbourn, daughter of William R. and Mary (Roach) Coulbourn. They became the parents of two children: 1. Rosalind Coulbourn, born September 28, 1918, who became the wife of Frank L. Cogburn. 2. Edward H., born January 7, 1920.

JAY EDWIN RAUCH—The financial activities of Jay Edwin Rauch have extended into many aspects of Virginia life. He is president of the

Commonwealth Discount Corporation, which has many branch offices throughout the Shenandoah Valley, and serves as consultant on sales finance activities for the Union Trust Company of Washington, D. C.

Mr. Rauch was born March 22, 1907, in East Liverpool, Ohio, son of James William and Alice L. (Crawford) Rauch. His father was a potter. Public schools of East Liverpool provided Jay Edwin Rauch's early education. After graduation from high school in 1925, he entered the University of Pittsburgh, where he received the Bachelor of Science degree in 1929. In June of that year he became associated with the Commercial Credit Company, which transferred him to Roanoke in April, 1930. Serving as district manager, he remained with that organization until November, 1939. It was at that time that he came to the Bank of Virginia as assistant vice-president in charge of Western Virginia sales finance activities. In January, 1941, he was made vice-president, and moved to Richmond to take charge of the bank's entire Virginia territory. In 1944 he was given charge of the sales finance division of the Bank of Virginia.

In June, 1946, he became president of the Commonwealth Discount Corporation, while still retaining his vice-presidency in the Bank of Virginia. Mr. Rauch's work with the Union Trust Company, in Washington, has been one of his more recent activities, and his sales finance service in this connection has been of great value to the bank. In addition to his business and professional undertakings, Mr. Rauch is a member of the Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity and of the Baptist Church of Roanoke.

Jay Edwin Rauch married, October 12, 1940, at Clifton Forge, Virginia, Irene Beard, daughter of David and Annie (St. Clair) Beard. They became the parents of two children: 1. James David, born May 18, 1942. 2. Martha Anne, born March 4, 1944.

CALVIN BRYAN HOUCK—In the South from Virginia to Florida, the name Houck has been known in the field of advertising for three decades. Calvin Bryan Houck, founder of Houck and Company, started the enterprise on a small scale after a noteworthy career as an educator and newspaperman in several states. His civic spirit has been especially helpful to the city of Roanoke where he has been to the forefront in its life and progress.

Calvin Bryan Houck was born in Todd, North



C. B. Houck

Carolina, on April 13, 1896, son of Sylvester Lee and Roxy Ann (Walker) Houck. Raised on his father's farm, he attended local rural schools, was graduated from the Jefferson high school, Jefferson, North Carolina, and matriculated at Duke University, where he received the Bachelor of Arts degree with the class of 1922. He pursued post graduate studies in journalism and literature during 1924-25 at Columbia University, New York City.

After leaving Duke University, Mr. Houck became principal of the Bailey high school, Bailey, North Carolina, for the scholastic year 1922-23. For a similar period he was an instructor of English in Greensboro, North Carolina, and in the summer of 1924 he taught English in the North Carolina College for Women at Greensboro. The period 1925-26 saw him head of the English department of High Point College, High Point, North Carolina. In the summer of 1926, Mr. Houck entered journalism by way of the "Twin City Sentinel" of Winston-Salem. Later in the year he became editor and special story writer on the "Southern Furniture Market News", a trade publication of High Point.

Advertising was the field that gradually had attracted Mr. Houck, and in 1928 he established the Calvin B. Houck advertising firm, a few months later taking in a partner and changing the title of the concern to Houck and Thomas, of High Point. In 1931 Mr. Thomas withdrew and since then the firm has been Houck and Company, of which Mr. Houck is the sole owner. In May of that same year a branch office was opened at Roanoke, and in June of the following year, the business headquarters and the Houck family had removed to this city. In the expansion of the company's activities, a branch office was maintained at Richmond, from 1922 to 1947, and there is also Houck and Company of Florida, Inc., a complete organization that does business from its office in the E. I. duPont Building in Miami. The officers of this latter company are: Karl Bishopric, president and treasurer; Mr. Houck, chairman of the board; William B. Houck (son), vice-president; and Miss Nona Sonstebly, assistant treasurer and assistant secretary. January 1, 1950, Houck and Company was incorporated under the state laws of Virginia.

The personal activities of Mr. Houck are as varied as his business interests. Back in 1918 he was a sergeant with the Evacuation Hospital Group No. 39, stationed at Fort Oglethorpe, a unit organized for overseas duty, World War I.

He received his honorable discharge in 1919, and never since has lost his interest in American military affairs. During World War II, he co-operated with civilian projects and organizations, and at all times he has contributed generously of his time and means to humanitarian movements in the community. Along business lines he is a member of the National Association of Travel Agents. He is a staunch Rotarian, a member of the Commonwealth Club of Richmond, and finds recreation in the Roanoke Country Club. His religious affiliations are with the First Presbyterian Church of the city. In November, 1949, Mr. Houck was appointed a trustee of the Union Theological Seminary at Richmond, and on June 3, 1950, was elected president of the Duke University Alumni Association.

At Yanceyville, North Carolina, on August 22, 1922, Calvin Bryan Houck married Margaret Moore McGuire, daughter of William and Sophia (Moore) McGuire. Mr. and Mrs. Houck are the parents of two children: 1. William Bryan, born June 20, 1924; a graduate in June, 1949, from Duke University, in business administration, he is now associated, as vice-president, with Houck and Company in their Florida office. 2. Margaret Ann, born July 21, 1928, who is a student at Duke University, class of 1951.

THADDEUS WOODY EVANS—Long engaged in the life insurance business, Thaddeus Woody Evans is agency manager in Roanoke for the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States. This agency handles the western Virginia territory from Winchester southward to Tennessee.

Mr. Evans was born January 22, 1902, in Vance County, North Carolina, son of Claude T. and Jennie (Woody) Evans. His father was a tobacco auctioneer. Elementary and high schools in Henderson, North Carolina, provided Thaddeus Woody Evans's early education, and after graduation from high school in 1919 he entered Wake Forest College, Wake Forest, North Carolina, where he received his degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1923. He took various courses in life insurance, and was graduated in the Life Insurance Agency Management Association course in December, 1946. As early as 1923, Mr. Evans was actively engaged in life insurance work as an agent for the Equitable Life Assurance Society at Henderson, North Carolina; so continuing until January 1, 1929, when he was appointed district

manager for central North Carolina. He was then transferred to Roanoke in the same capacity May 1, 1931, which position he held until November 1, 1946, when he was appointed agency manager for the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States, which he still represents. When first transferred to Roanoke, in 1931, he represented that company in southwestern Virginia. Then, on November 1, 1946, he was promoted to agency manager for the entire western Virginia territory.

In addition to his work with his own agency, Mr. Evans is active in the National Underwriters Association, in which he was president of the Roanoke chapter in 1935. He is a member of the Group Millionaire's Club of the Equitable Life Assurance Society. In 1948 he was president of the Roanoke Kiwanis Club. He is a member of the Roanoke Committee of One-Hundred for Progress. He belongs to the Roanoke Country Club and the First Presbyterian Church.

Thaddeus Woody Evans married, December 29, 1929, in Abbeville, South Carolina, Emmie Haigler, daughter of Charles A. and Emmie (Harris) Haigler. They became the parents of two children: 1. Jennie B., born September 5, 1931. 2. Thaddeus Woody, Jr., born June 24, 1935.

HOWARD MERTON HAMILTON—Possessor of abundant energy and ability and a zeal for public service, Howard Merton Hamilton has made a reputation in the Valley in the public utilities field and in civic, health and welfare and Masonic work. He may truly be called one of the civic leaders of Roanoke. He is billing supervisor in the Roanoke system billing office of the Appalachian Electric Power Company.

Mr. Hamilton was born at Muncie, Indiana, on April 1, 1901, the son of Merton Samuel Hamilton, operator of a building materials business, and Flora (Riley) Hamilton. He was graduated from the Muncie high school in 1920 and later from the International Accountants Society course. He furthered his education by study in the extension classes of the University of Virginia, taking such subjects as income tax and personnel management.

The post of credit manager began Mr. Hamilton's career in the public utilities field. He was given this post in 1921 with the Indiana General Service Company at Muncie. From 1923 to 1924 he served this same concern at Marion, Indiana, as assistant chief clerk. In 1925 he became local office auditor for the Indiana and Michigan Electric Company at South Bend. Two years later he

was transferred to the Shenandoah Valley as chief clerk in the consumers' accounting office of the Appalachian Electric Power Company in Roanoke. In 1931 he was promoted to his present post of billing supervisor in the Roanoke system billing office.

Mr. Hamilton has established an extraordinary record for community service at Roanoke. He served on the board of directors of the Roanoke Chapter, American Red Cross, for twelve years and in the World War II period was vice-chairman of the chapter. He has served for two three-year periods—1942 through 1944 and 1946 through 1948—on the board of trustees of the Roanoke Community Fund and from 1946 through 1948 was also treasurer of that social welfare coordinating and supporting agency. Also, he served on the board of the Kiwanis Club of Roanoke in 1943-1944 and was president in 1935 of the Roanoke Round Table Club. In Masonry, he belongs to the Blue Lodge and the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. From 1941 to 1943 and again from 1944 to 1947 he was a deacon of the Second Presbyterian Church of Roanoke and is serving as elder for 1950-53. In 1938 he was president of The Men of the Church and from 1944 through 1947 was treasurer of Benevolences.

Mr. Hamilton married Edna Biesemeier in Muncie on October 8, 1925. They have two children, a daughter and son: Norma Lucille, now Mrs. Louis K. Turner, who was born on October 20, 1926, and Howard Merton Hamilton, Jr., who was born on October 13, 1931.

FRANK L. MOOSE—Successfully engaged in the jewelry business in Roanoke, Frank L. Moose operates his own store under the name of Frank L. Moose, Jeweler.

Mr. Moose was born August 3, 1892, in Hickory, North Carolina, son of Daniel Edward and Annie (Link) Moose. His father was a contractor in Hickory.

Schools of West Hickory provided Frank L. Moose's early education. He entered the jewelry business, and established his present enterprise in 1928 in Roanoke. Originally he had a partner, with whom he conducted business under the firm name of Moose and Bent. In 1946, the name of this firm was changed to its present form, Frank L. Moose, Jeweler.

Aside from his activity in this firm, Mr. Moose has interested himself in the general affairs of the jewelry trade, notably in the work of the Virginia State Jewelers Association, of which he was presi-

dent from 1930 to 1934 and now is secretary and treasurer. In 1946 and 1947 he was president of the Merchants Association of Roanoke. He belongs to the Roanoke Country Club and in the Free and Accepted Masons is a past master of the lodges at Hickory and Greensboro, North Carolina, and an initiate in Kazim Temple (Roanoke) of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Formerly Mr. Moose served on the Budget Committee of the Community Fund, and he was also chairman of the finance committee of the Roanoke Travelers Aid. He is a Lutheran in his religious affiliation and his wife is a Baptist. Their daughter is a member of the Episcopal Church.

Frank L. Moose married, September 17, 1917, in Hickory, North Carolina, Lillian Gaddy, of Albermarle, North Carolina. Their daughter, Lillian Frances Moose, born December 25, 1918, was graduated from Mary Baldwin College in Staunton, Virginia, in 1938, and received her Master of Arts degree from the University of North Carolina in 1941. She became the wife of Harold F. Jennings.

JOHN MOOMAW THOMPSON—As an architect, John Moomaw Thompson has centered his work for many years in Roanoke. He has designed, or participated in the designing of, some of the leading public and private buildings in this part of Virginia, and he is widely known as a partner in the firm of Stone and Thompson.

Mr. Thompson was born January 29, 1904, in Roanoke, Virginia, son of Randolph Highley and Louise Rebecca (Moomaw) Thompson. His father was for years an accountant for the Norfolk and Western Railway. His grandfather, John C. Moomaw, was one of the founders of the City of Roanoke.

John Moomaw Thompson attended school in Roanoke, where he was graduated from Jefferson High School in 1925. Between 1925 and 1928, he was a student of Architecture at the University of Virginia, subsequently attending Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts, in 1931 and 1932 to take special work in his profession. His first practical association as an architect was an apprenticeship with Smithey and Tardy, of Roanoke. Through his college years, he was employed by that firm during the summer months. He also was a draftsman with Eubank and Caldwell and with Robert M. Allen, Roanoke architects.

After returning from his studies at Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1932, Mr. Thompson became connected with the architectural firm of Stewart, Hurt and Thompson, in Roanoke. In the following year he took the examination of the Virginia State Board of Architects. Upon the establishment of the Civil Works Administration, he was associated with its activities at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, in Blacksburg, where he had joint charge of the work of a group of architects designing farmhouses. The purpose was to create a better class of houses which could be used throughout the United States. Mr. Thompson continued his connection there from January until June, 1934. In that year he became associated with the Roanoke firm of Frantz and Thompson, continuing with them until 1941. He then spent four years as a designer with the Norfolk and Western Railway, stationed at Roanoke, until he became a partner in Stone and Thompson in 1945.

Aside from his professional work as a member of this firm, Mr. Thompson takes a lively interest in civic affairs, and is able to contribute substantially to his community through his architectural knowledge and experience. In September, 1947, he became a member of the Roanoke City Planning Commission, so continuing down to the time of writing. He is a member of the executive committee of the American Institute of Architects, and was treasurer of the Virginia chapter of the institute, having been so appointed in 1949. He was active in Roanoke civilian defense work during World War II, and is a member of the Roanoke German Club and the Roanoke Country Club, as well as the Second Presbyterian Church of this city.

John Moomaw Thompson married, June 8, 1935, at Roanoke, Virginia, Fannie Ida Botsford, daughter of the late Dr. Harry Levis and Lesta (Caylor) Botsford. Her father was a physician. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson became the parents of a son, John Botsford Thompson, born April 20, 1939.

FRANK FOLSOM STONE — Engaged in a practice of architecture in Roanoke, Frank Folsom Stone is a member of the firm of Stone and Thompson. He has figured in the designing of some of the leading buildings in this region, and has a wide range of professional affiliations.

Mr. Stone was born June 22, 1886, in Bristol, Tennessee, son of Samuel and Elizabeth (McCrary) Stone. His father was a contractor and builder, who served under General John B. Floyd

and General Jubal Early in the War Between the States. Rising from the ranks, he later became a captain in the Confederate Army.

Frank Folsom Stone completed his preliminary schooling, then studied civil and structural engineering at Tulane University, New Orleans, between 1905 and 1907. At the age of twenty years he became an apprentice draftsman in his brother's office in New Orleans. Remaining with Stone Brothers through the period when he was attending Tulane University classes, he then went to New York City in 1907 to study at the Atelier-Wynkoop. Carrying on his studies in the evenings and in spare time, he was employed throughout that period until 1912 with the New York architectural firm of Squires and Wynkoop. In 1912 Mr. Stone was employed by D. H. Burnham and Company, of Chicago, for six months, and for a corresponding length of time in the same year by Adams and Adams of San Antonio, Texas. In 1913 and 1914, he was again in New Orleans, practicing in association with his brother in the firm which at that time was known as Sam Stone, Jr., Architect.

In 1914 Frank Folsom Stone came to Roanoke, where he was connected with the firm of Frye and Chesterman. For six months in 1919 he was with his former employer, John Wynkoop. In 1920 he was again in Roanoke, where he was a member of the firm of Frye and Stone until 1935. Afterwards, for six years until 1941, he was independently engaged in the practice of his profession under the name of Frank Folsom Stone. After a period of wartime service, Mr. Stone joined with John Moomaw Thompson (q.v.) to form the present firm of Stone and Thompson, whose work is widely known throughout Roanoke and southwest Virginia. The firm are the architects for Radford College and Longwood College, and have done extensive work on hospitals, schools, etc.

Architecture has played a prominent role in the activities of the Stone family. Five of Mr. Stone's six brothers are architects and the sixth is a contractor. Among his other undertakings, Mr. Stone is a member of the Building Code Committee of the City of Roanoke, with which he became associated in 1947. During World War I he was in Washington, D. C., and Philadelphia as a naval draftsman with the Emergency Fleet Corporation until January 1, 1919. From 1941 to 1944, during World War II, he was with the Holston Ordnance Works in Kingsport, Tennessee, as an architect designing war plants. Mr. Stone is a

member of the Virginia chapter of the American Institute of Architects. In 1939 he was vice-president of the Lions Club of Roanoke.

Frank F. Stone married, April 5, 1912, in Pulaski, Virginia, Gillie Wilson, daughter of John W. and Mary (Darst) Wilson. They became the parents of a daughter, Mary Elizabeth Stone, born July 22, 1918. Mrs. Stone is active in the Christian Church and their daughter is a Presbyterian.

HERBERT LEE WILLIAMS—When 1952 arrives, Herbert Lee Williams of Buchanan and Lexington will be able to celebrate fifty years of achievement and service in the undertaking business. Formerly a mortician in Franklin, Richmond and Buchanan, he now operates the H. L. Williams Funeral Home in Lexington. His home continues at Buchanan. He is widely known among funeral directors and in fraternal organizations.

Mr. Williams was born in Southampton County, Virginia, on June 23, 1878. His father was George Wyatt Williams, a farmer who fought in the War Between the States throughout its four-year duration, and his mother was Georgianna (Davis) Williams. Mr. Williams obtained the major part of his education in the public schools of his native Southampton County, but took his training for his present profession and business in an embalming school in Philadelphia, from which he was graduated in 1902. Franklin, Virginia, was the locale in which he obtained his first experience in the undertaking business. After gaining the necessary experience, he went to Richmond and there he served with first one and then another leading mortician. By 1906, Mr. Williams was ready to go into business for himself, and it was then he established the first funeral home to bear his name. This was at Courtland, in his native county. In 1911, he sold out the Courtland business and, moving into Shenandoah Valley, established himself at Buchanan, where he called the business the H. L. Williams Funeral Home. In 1937, he launched the H. L. Williams Funeral Home at Lexington.

Mr. Williams is active in the Shenandoah Valley and Virginia State funeral directors associations; in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, which he joined when he was twenty-one years old, and in civic affairs. He is a former member of the Order of Red Men, and he worships at Trinity Methodist Church, Buchanan. In 1899, after the Spanish-American War, he joined the Virginia State Militia.



H. L. Williams

Mr. Williams married at Norfolk on October 31, 1906, Minnie P. Bishop, born in Southampton County, Virginia, December 1, 1888, daughter of Jim and Mary (World) Bishop. Mr. and Mrs. Williams have a daughter—Hilda Virginia, born at Courtland, Virginia, on September 3, 1907, who is now Mrs. Yorke Roberts and residing at Richmond. The Roberts have two children, Yorke Alexander Roberts, Jr., born at Baltimore, Maryland, December 8, 1940, and William Lee Roberts, born at Richmond, Virginia, July 1, 1947.

RALPH FREEMAN MAYFIELD—Long active in the business life of his native city of Roanoke, Ralph Freeman Mayfield is an officer of the Virginia Supply Company, Inc., of this city. He takes a deep interest in local affairs and is widely known and respected.

Mr. Mayfield was born October 12, 1913, in Roanoke, Virginia, son of Amos Freeman and Josie May (Cott) Mayfield. His father was a machinist for many years with the Norfolk and Western Railway until his retirement.

Roanoke schools provided Ralph Freeman Mayfield's early formal education, and he was graduated from Jefferson High School in 1931. In the following year he took a commercial course in the National Business College in this city. Later in 1932, he started work with the Kroger Company, of Roanoke, as an office boy. In February, 1933, he was made assistant meat purchasing agent of the Kroger Company, and in June, 1941, he was appointed assistant branch accountant. Mr. Mayfield left the Kroger Company in July, 1945, and became operating vice-president and purchasing agent with the Virginia Supply Company, Inc., the position which he now holds.

He became active in Roanoke civic affairs at an early period. During World War II, he was engaged in essential industrial production through his work with the Kroger Company. In 1949, he became president of the Grandin Court-Greenland Hills Civic League. In 1947, he became a deacon of the Grandin Court Baptist Church, in which he has for years sung in the church choir and served as a Sunday school teacher of adult classes.

Ralph Freeman Mayfield married, January 26, 1934, in Roanoke, Virginia, Grace Beverly Custer, daughter of George William and Lula Belle (Hurd) Custer. They became the parents of a son, Melvin Leonard Mayfield, who was born June 20, 1940.

RALPH STEDMAN OAKEY—Conducting an interior decoration business in Roanoke, Ralph Stedman Oakey occupies a position of leadership and high standing in this community, where he has distinguished himself by professional artistry and conscientious service to his fellow citizens.

Mr. Oakey was born January 11, 1910, in Salem, Virginia, son of Walter Hughes and Pauline (Ramsey) Oakey. His father was engaged in the real estate and insurance brokerage business for many years in Salem.

Ralph Stedman Oakey attended Salem schools, completing his studies through the high school grades. Graduated in 1929 from Salem High School, he then entered Milligan College, in Tennessee, where he received his liberal arts degree in 1934. Afterwards he took up his professional studies at the New York School of Interior Decoration, in New York City, carrying on his work there in 1943 and 1944. From 1945 to 1947 he taught in the Extension branch of the University of Virginia, in Roanoke, imparting instruction in interior design and decoration to those desiring to take up this profession. Mr. Oakey has brought to his professional activity a wide range of commercial experience, having been credit manager of the Roanoke branch of the Commercial Credit Company for four years, from 1934 to 1938, then buyer and sales representative of Henebry and Son, a jewelry house, until 1943.

It was in that year that he established his present firm, known as Stedman's, in Roanoke. He still owns this enterprise, and he is widely known throughout this region of the South for his achievements in interior decoration. Since 1948 he has held membership in the American Institute of Decorators. He has been prominent in Rotary Club affairs, and has likewise served on many Chamber of Commerce committees in Roanoke. He was rejected by the army during World War II because of a head injury suffered in childhood. Among his other interests, Mr. Oakey is a member of the Roanoke German Club and the Roanoke Country Club. In the Episcopal Church he has long been active, and his wife and children are members of St. Andrew's Catholic Church.

Ralph Stedman Oakey married, April 7, 1937, in Roanoke, Virginia, Eleanor Fenton Henebry, daughter of Joseph Peter and Frances A. (Carr) Henebry. Mr. and Mrs. Oakey became the parents of three children: 1. Susan Ramsey, born July 1, 1941. 2. Ralph Stedman, Jr., born May 30, 1944. 3. Mary Frances, born December 13, 1948.

REVERDY HAMLIN JONES, JR., M.D.—

Engaged in an active practice of medicine in Roanoke since 1948, Dr. Reverdy Hamlin Jones, Jr., has combined a great deal of hospital work with his regular office practice.

Dr. Jones was born September 5, 1913, in Portsmouth, Virginia, son of Reverdy Hamlin and Sophie Benson (Nash) Jones. His father was a civil engineer from an early period in his life.

Portsmouth public schools provided the early education of Reverdy Hamlin Jones, Jr., who was graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School there in 1930, then studied for four years at Virginia Military Institute, in Lexington, where he received the Bachelor of Science degree in 1934. He took up medicine at the University of Virginia, where he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1938. Serving an internship at Lankenau Hospital, Philadelphia, until 1940, Dr. Jones in that way gained valuable professional experience. He became a fellow in internal medicine at the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota, working there in 1940 and 1941 and again in 1946 and 1947 and receiving the degree of Master of Science in Medicine from the University of Minnesota in 1947. Beginning in 1941, Dr. Jones served in the Navy Medical Corps, entering the service as a Lieutenant, junior grade, and returned to civilian life as a Lieutenant Commander in the Naval Reserve. He was with the Marines in the Pacific Theatre of Operations, attached to both the First and Second Divisions and participating in campaigns at Guadalcanal and Tarawa. He was stationed at the United States Naval Hospital in Portsmouth at the time of his honorable discharge in 1946.

It was then that he returned to the Mayo Clinic, and, after finishing in 1947, he went back to Virginia and started his Roanoke practice in January, 1948. Here he is a staff physician at Lewis-Gale Hospital. He is also deeply interested in professional affairs as a member of the American Medical Association and the American College of Physicians. He has paid particular attention to the problems of internal medicine, having been certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine. He is a member of the Roanoke Country Club and Christ Episcopal Church, Roanoke.

Dr. Reverdy Hamlin Jones, Jr., married December 19, 1944, in Washington, D. C., Isabel Margaret Lobb, daughter of James Albert and Mary (Cunningham) Lobb. They became the parents of three children: 1. Reverdy Hamlin

III, born October 18, 1945. 2. Thomas Cunningham, born March 21, 1947. 3. Caroline Hatton, born June 16, 1949.

WILLIAM F. KEEHNE—In the public utility field since 1920, William F. Keehne is now system office manager of the Appalachian Electric Power Company at Roanoke, Virginia. He is active in community affairs and among industrial tax experts.

Mr. Keehne was born at Pomeroy, Ohio, on April 26, 1901, the son of Christopher Keehne and Margaret (Priode) Keehne. Christopher Keehne, born in Bavaria, Germany, served in the Franco-Prussian War. He came to the United States when he was about twenty-four years old and settled at Pomeroy, Ohio, where he was a contractor for years.

William Keehne, graduated from the Pomeroy high school in 1918, studied business administration at the Capitol City Commercial College, Charleston, West Virginia, and studied higher accountancy with the LaSalle Extension University.

In 1920 he became a bookkeeper for the West Virginia Water and Electric Company at Charleston, West Virginia, and by this act began a career which has made him well known in the utilities world. The West Virginia company was acquired by the American Gas and Electric Company in 1923 and later merged with the Appalachian Electric Power Company. Mr. Keehne remained with the new company. In 1926 he was promoted to general bookkeeper and in 1930 was placed in charge of the tax and statistical department of the Appalachian Company. On January 1, 1948, he was appointed system office manager, the office he holds today. Mr. Keehne is a member of the National Tax Association and the Roanoke and Virginia chambers of commerce. He is at present a member of the State Affairs Committee of the Roanoke Chamber. He also belongs to the Shenandoah Club and worships in Christ Lutheran Church of Roanoke.

On October 24, 1925, at Waynesburg, Pennsylvania, Mr. Keehne married Betty Clayton, daughter of Harry and Martha Clayton. They have two children: William F. Keehne, Jr., who was born on October 7, 1932, and Jo Ann Keehne, who was born on September 18, 1936.

HENRY STERLING WELD — A mechanical engineer who has had considerable experience in the public utility field, Henry Sterling Weld is



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currently making a reputation in the laundry world. He is vice-president of the Crystal Spring Laundry Company, Inc., of Roanoke. He is well known among sportsmen and in Catholic circles.

Born at Bristol, Virginia, on March 9, 1905, Mr. Weld is the son of Lewis Henry and Minnie (Toll) Weld. It was his father who founded the Crystal Spring Laundry Company. He established the business in 1906 and has been its president since it was incorporated. Henry Sterling Weld was graduated from the Roanoke High School in 1923 and then matriculated at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, where in 1927 he took the degree of Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering.

In 1927 Mr. Weld went to Lynn, Massachusetts, to join the General Electric Company. While in that company's employ, from 1927 to 1929, he took its test course in electrical and steam equipment, obtaining knowledge which is of especial value to him in the laundry business today. When he left General Electric in 1929, Mr. Weld was made operating engineer of the Central Hudson Gas and Electric Company at Poughkeepsie, New York. In 1940 he resigned from that concern to join his father in the operation of the Crystal Spring Laundry Company, Inc., in Roanoke, and since that time has been vice-president of the corporation. Active as a communicant and otherwise in Our Lady of Nazareth Roman Catholic Church, Roanoke, and in the Knights of Columbus, Mr. Weld holds the third degree in that Catholic order. He is also well known in the Rotary Club of Roanoke and is a member of the board of directors of the Roanoke Chapter of the Izaak Walton League, hunting and fishing being his favorite sports.

Mr. Weld married Pauline Ouimette, the daughter of Theodore and Laura Ouimette, at Oneonta, New York, on July 16, 1933. They have three children—Henry Sterling, Jr., born April 2, 1935; T. Lewis, born November 2, 1939, and James T., born December 10, 1940. Mr. Weld's home address is 2135 Broadway Avenue, Southwest, Roanoke.

KENNEY BROWN AMOLE—Kenney Brown Amole, of Buena Vista, Virginia, has entered successfully a number of fields of activity. He has been farmer, grocer and furniture retailer; and is now held in high regard as a funeral director, the Amole Funeral Home exemplifying skillful management and a high standard of ethical public service. Mr. Amole's name is also identified with

civic office, as volunteer fireman, and as judge of the juvenile court.

Born in Rockbridge County, July 3, 1881, Mr. Amole is a son of Thomas Franklin and Mary Sue (Wilson) Amole. Like his son, Thomas F. Amole was motivated by a high sense of public responsibility. He was a school teacher in Rockbridge County, and served as commissioner of the revenue bureau in his community. He was a veteran of the War Between the States, having served in the Confederate forces. Kenney B. Amole was educated in the Buena Vista public schools and those of Rockbridge County, and his training for his profession was obtained at the Cincinnati School of Embalming.

After completing his public school education, Mr. Amole engaged in farming for about three years, after which, for a like period, he entered the grocery business in Buena Vista. This occupation he pursued until 1907. From 1908 Mr. Amole was occupied in the joint endeavors of furniture retailing and funeral direction. He sold his furniture business in 1940, in order to devote himself better to serving the people of his community in the capacity of mortician. He is regarded by his fellow citizens as an ethical, understanding, and thoroughly qualified representative of his profession; and his funeral home is beautifully appointed and prepared to render any service required of it.

Mr. Amole was judge of the juvenile court of Buena Vista in the 1920s, and since 1944 has been a member of the city council. He also has an impressive record of forty years of service as a member of the volunteer fire company of his community.

Well advanced in the Masonic Order, Kenney B. Amole is a member of the chapter of the Royal Arch Masons. He is also fraternally affiliated with the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, and is a member of the state council of that body. He is a member of the Rotary Club and is professionally identified with the Virginia State Funeral Directors Association. In his religious faith Mr. Amole is a Presbyterian and he serves his congregation as elder and as teacher of a men's class.

Kenney Brown Amole married (first) Annie Virginia McCormick, December 25, 1905; she was the daughter of Joseph E. McCormick and Mary Lewis; she died April 10, 1910. Mr. Amole married (second), at Buena Vista, November 27, 1912, Harrie Lee Major, daughter of Joshua Bright and Margaret (Walsh) Major. To the first mar-

riage was born a son, Blair McCormick Amole, October 23, 1906; he married Louise Spenser and they have two children: Barbara Lee and Blair McCormick Amole, Jr.

WILLIAM PATTERSON BOOKER—William Patterson Booker, assistant district manager of the Roanoke District of the Appalachian Electric Power Company, has been connected with that organization since 1928, which represents the entire period of his business career to date. This period of faithful and able service has been interrupted only by his wartime stint in the United States Navy, in which he held the rank of lieutenant. Mr. Booker is prominent in banking, and holds official position in several coal companies in West Virginia.

Mr. Booker, who is a native of Vivian, West Virginia, was born March 30, 1906, son of John A. and Susan L. (Patterson) Booker. His father was shipping agent for the Pocahontas Fuel Company of West Virginia, which early drew the young man's interest to that field. He attended the elementary and high schools of Portsmouth, Ohio, where his family was living at that time, and graduated from high school in 1924. He then entered Lehigh University, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering with the class of 1928.

Since the autumn of 1928, Mr. Booker has been identified with the Appalachian Electric Power Company, his first connection with that firm being at Williamson, West Virginia, in the capacity of electrical engineer, for which work he had prepared while at Lehigh University. He remained there until, in 1942, he entered the United States Navy for service in World War II. Throughout the greater part of the years from 1942 to 1945, Mr. Booker was in the Pacific theater, and he held the rank of lieutenant, being a specialist in radar. He spent some time, however, at various stations throughout the United States, before joining the staff of the Commander Air Force, Pacific Fleet. At the time of his honorable discharge from the service in the fall of 1945, he held the rank of lieutenant commander.

Shortly after returning to civilian life, Mr. Booker was transferred by his company to Roanoke. Arriving there in January, 1946, he assumed the responsibilities of assistant district manager of the Roanoke District, and he has held that post to the present time.

During his period at Williamson, West Virginia, Mr. Booker became a member of the board of di-

rectors of the First National Bank of that city, a connection which he has retained. A Kiwanian, he served in 1938 as president of the Williamson Kiwanis Club; and he is now a member also of the Shenandoah Club and the Roanoke Country Club. Other business affiliations of Mr. Booker are his memberships on the boards of the Sycamore Coal Company of Huntington, West Virginia, the Cinderella Coal Corporation of Huntington, and the Sycamore Coal Corporation. He is a registered professional electrical engineer in the state of West Virginia. Mr. Booker is a Presbyterian in his religious faith, being affiliated with the First Presbyterian Church of Williamson.

In New York, New York, November 1, 1941, William Patterson Booker married Evelyn Katherine Woody, daughter of Samuel F. and Lake (Goodykoontz) Woody. Mr. and Mrs. Booker are the parents of three children: 1. Susan Woody Strosnider, born May 3, 1937 (stepchild). 2. Judith Lake, born October 16, 1944. 3. Patricia Susan, who was born February 25, 1948.

COLONEL LUCIAN DENT BOOTH — The career of Colonel Lucian Dent Booth, eventful and interesting, has included service to the nation as an officer in the Regular Army, in peace and war, and to Shenandoah Valley as a civilian. A graduate of West Point, Col. Booth was an instructor there, commanded troops, administered ordnance matters for three different field armies, including service in France in World War I, and did executive and administrative work in design, development, testing, production, supply and war planning for the Army's Ordnance Department. On the home front he has also participated in major civic programs and won for himself a place among the outstanding citizens of Roanoke and the Valley.

Col. Booth was born on a farm at Caledonia, Mississippi, on June 26, 1882. His parents were Louis Dent and Frances Amanda (Mayfield) Booth. His father was a farmer and construction engineer, with headquarters at Aberdeen, Mississippi. The elder Mr. Booth served for four years with the Ninth Regular Mississippi Volunteers, Second Regiment, Fourth Brigade, in the War Between the States. Enlisting in the service of the Confederate States of America on March 27, 1861, he served in infantry, ordnance and cavalry until the end of the conflict. The first three generations of Col. Booth's ancestors in the United States lived in Montgomery County of the Old

Dominion. His grandfather migrated south through the Carolinas and settled in Mississippi.

After going through the country schools, the future Army officer entered Mississippi State College with \$105 in his pocket. Within the first two or three months he was given the position of college postal worker in a postoffice operated by the students. In his senior year he was postmaster. In 1903 he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering—and he had, after having paid all his college expenses, \$400 in his pocket! The president of the college then recommended him for appointment to West Point and in July, 1903, after a personal interview with his Congressman, he became a cadet there. He was graduated from the Military Academy in 1907. In 1926 he was graduated with the degree of M.B.A. from the Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration and in 1930 he was graduated from the Army Industrial College.

Within three months after joining his first Army station as a second lieutenant, Col. Booth was given command of a company. In less than a year after his return from service in the Philippines in 1911, he was sent back to West Point as an instructor. For three years he was instructor in mechanics to the first section of the junior class. Cadets in this section stand at the top of their class academically. When World War I broke out, Col. Booth was promoted and transferred to the ordnance department from the artillery. He was made ordnance officer of the 30th National Guard Division, a division of 26,000 men. This division was one of those which broke through the famous Hindenburg line in Belgium. On his return from France the young officer was given charge of a division in the ordnance office which was charged with supplying the Army with ordnance materials and warehouse equipment. After completing two years of graduate work at Harvard, he spent three years in charge of proof testing weapons and ammunition then being developed for the Army. Then, for seven years, he was in charge of the ammunition division in the ordnance office at Washington. On September 1, 1939, during a tour of duty in Washington, he inspected the proposed site at Radford for an ammunition production plant. He recommended the site and the following year the Radford Ordnance Works was begun. He was given command of that plant and also the New River Ordnance Plant at Dublin. When he assumed command, both plants were in operation. The operating per-

sonnel continued to increase until there were a maximum of about 16,000 on the payroll. At this time Col. Booth moved his family to Roanoke, thus completing a cycle begun by his ancestors.

After his retirement from active duty, Col. Booth bought a home in Roanoke and then served with the Hercules Powder Company for three and one-half years. This duty was the directing of preparation and the editing of war histories of six government-owned plants. He has since also written a history of the Booth family, which has been published in both a limited and a popular edition. In Roanoke he has served on the Rent Control Board, chairman of the Committee of 100 for Progress, general chairman of the American Way of Life Committee, and has been active in the Rotary Club. In 1948, he was a candidate for the City Council of Roanoke.

On September 22, 1909, in New York City, Col. Booth married Louisa Tompkins Middleton, the daughter of Austin Dickinson and Catharine Cornell (Tompkins) Middleton. They have become the parents of five children—Robert Middleton, born on July 24, 1912; Cornell Dent, born on January 9, 1914; Catharine Tompkins, now Mrs. H. E. Britton and residing at Pelham Manor, New York, born on April 11, 1916; Louisa Frances, now Mrs. James N. Kincannon and residing in Roanoke, born on February 10, 1925, and Leila Amanda Booth, born on August 27, 1930. Col. Booth's family worships in St. John's Episcopal Church, Roanoke. His address is 324 King George Avenue, Roanoke.

PHILIP COCKE TROUT, M.D.—An outstanding orthopedic surgeon in Shenandoah Valley, Dr. Philip Cocke Trout is associated with both Jefferson Hospital and Veterans Hospital in Roanoke. He is himself a veteran of World War II.

Dr. Trout was born at Roanoke on December 18, 1915, the son of Dr. Hugh Henry and Leonora (Cocke) Trout. His father, an eminent member of the medical profession, was an Army surgeon in World War I and served as surgeon at Jefferson Hospital in Roanoke.

Dr. Philip Trout began his education in the elementary schools of Roanoke and continued at Episcopal High School in Alexandria. He then attended the University of Virginia and the Duke University School of Medicine, receiving the degree of Doctor of Medicine from the latter in 1941. Later he took postgraduate work in orthopedic surgery at the University of Tennessee, and

was awarded the degree of Master of Science there.

Since establishing himself in practice Dr. Trout has been orthopedic surgeon at Jefferson Hospital and now is also consultant in orthopedic surgery to the Veterans Hospital. In World War II, he held a commission in the Twenty-fourth General Hospital Corps, United States Army (Tulane Unit), and was attached to the Thirty-fourth Infantry Division. Dr. Trout is a member of the Rotary Club of Roanoke and the Business Men's Club, and on the Board of Advisors of the Bank of Virginia of that city. At the University of Virginia he was elected to Beta Theta Pi, the social fraternity. His church is Christ Episcopal, Roanoke. He makes his home at 2954 Rosalind Avenue.

Dr. Trout married Bettie Ruth Reynolds, the daughter of Marvin Curtis and Julia Anne (Landsberg) Reynolds, at Shawsville, Virginia, in July, 1942. They have two children—Anne Reynolds Trout, born on October 22, 1946, and Lenora Cocke Trout, born on December 10, 1948.

IRAD BACHMAN LOWER — In the Valley, Irad Bachman Lower of Roanoke is known for his major interest, general insurance in the firm of Eades and Lower, Inc., and his hobby-talent, singing, as well as for his activity in civic, fraternal and religious affairs.

Mr. Lower was born at Blue Ridge Springs, Virginia, on November 28, 1894, the son of Warren Wilson and Luella Jane (Bachman) Lower. His father is treasurer of the Ide Lumber Company and president of the Blue Ridge Soapstone Company. Irad Lower attended the Jefferson High School in the days when it was still called Roanoke High School and then became a student at Pennsylvania Military College, Chester, Pennsylvania, where he spent a year and a half, and New York University, in New York City, where he spent two years. He studied voice with Lewis Howard Croxton in the Metropolitan Opera Building, New York, and with Stephen S. Townsend of New York and Boston.

In 1922 Mr. Lower entered the general insurance business in Roanoke. In 1924 he founded the firm of Eades and Lower, which became a partnership. This was later incorporated as Eades and Lower, Inc. Before going into business Mr. Lower served in World War I. He was with the 309th Field Artillery, 78th Division, at first, but later was attached to the Headquarters Company

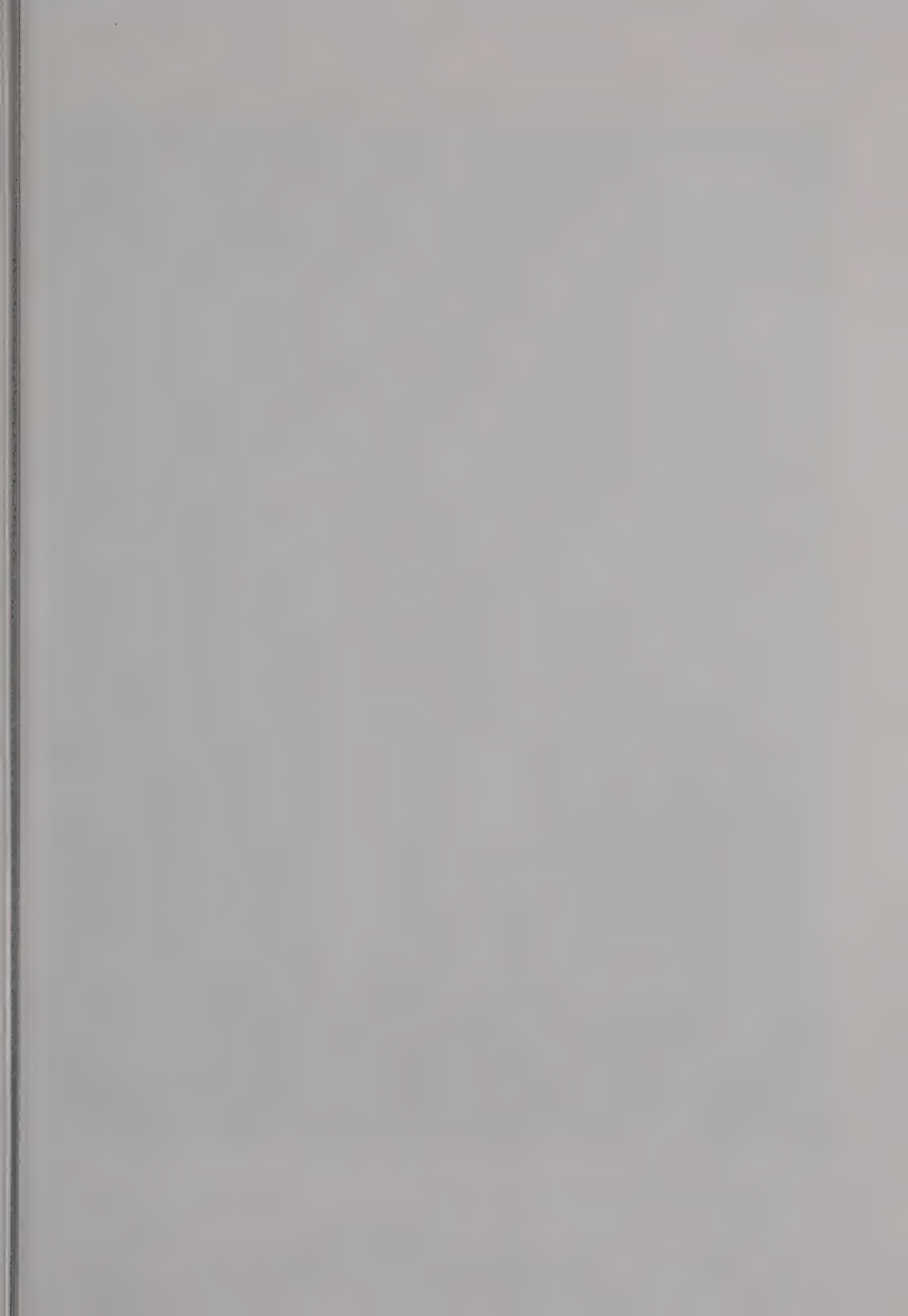
in France. He went over to France with the American Expeditionary Force early in 1917 and saw action at San Mihiel and in the Argonne Forest. He was honorably discharged in June, 1919. Today his activities are varied and extensive. He has served as president of the Roanoke General Insurance Local Board, and is choir director of the Bonsack Methodist Church of Roanoke as well as former director of the West End Methodist Church choir. He is active in the Lions Club of Roanoke and in various Masonic bodies, including the York Rite, the Chanters of the Kazim Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Roanoke. The church in which he worships is the West End Methodist.

Mr. Lower married Elizabeth Jennings Comer, the daughter of J. W. and Ruth (Smith) Comer. They have three children—Irad Bachman, Jr., born on December 2, 1929; Elizabeth Ruth, born on August 15, 1933, and Warren Comer, born on January 10, 1936.

REV. RICHARD R. BEASLEY—Educated in Episcopal seminaries in England as well as the Old Dominion, the Reverend Richard Reynolds Beasley of Roanoke is today one of the outstanding members of the clergy in Shenandoah Valley and a citizen noted for his leadership in civic affairs and in health and welfare programs and community organizations in general. He is the rector of St. John's Episcopal Church of Roanoke.

Mr. Beasley was born in Lynchburg on February 19, 1906, the son of William and Sallie (Roberts) Beasley. His father is an attorney in Baltimore. The future clergyman began his education in the public schools of Lynchburg, then transferred to those of Baltimore when the family moved there in his childhood. Later he returned to the Old Dominion to attend the Virginia Episcopal School in Lynchburg, from which he was graduated in 1925. In 1929, he was graduated from the University of Virginia, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and three years later took the degree of Bachelor of Divinity at the Episcopal Theological Seminary in Alexandria. To round out his preparation for the ministry, Mr. Beasley studied at St. Catherine's College, Oxford, England, in 1932 and 1933.

Returning to the United States in 1933, Mr. Beasley was called that year as rector of Emanuel Church in Bristol, Virginia. There he remained until 1937, when he assumed the pulpit of St. Michael's Church, at Milton, near Boston, Massachusetts. In 1940, he left that church to become





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rector of St. John's in Knoxville, Tennessee, and in 1946 he assumed his present duties as rector of St. John's in Roanoke. In his last five years at Knoxville, Mr. Beasley was president of the Council of Social Agencies of that city, giving outstanding leadership to the coordination of health, welfare, group work and other welfare programs. In 1949 he became chairman of the social planning council of Roanoke, a post in which he is performing a similar task, though on a larger, more inclusive scale, in Shenandoah Valley's major community. In World War II he was active in civilian defense work at Knoxville. Mr. Beasley has a reputation among lay and clerical Episcopalians throughout the South. While at Knoxville, from 1941 to 1945, he was a member of the Bishop and Council of the Diocese of Tennessee. In 1946, he was chairman of his church's department of religious education for Tennessee and was a delegate to the General Convention of the Episcopal Church. In 1949 he was elected to the executive board for the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia. He is a member of the Philo Club, the Ridgewood Tennis Club at Salem, and Delta Kappa Epsilon.

Mr. Beasley married Carrie Mae Bemis, daughter of Henry P. and Helen (Pointer) Bemis, at Como, Mississippi, on September 2, 1937. They have two children—Richard Reynolds Beasley, IV, and Helen Roberts Beasley. Their home is at 910 Orchard Hill, Roanoke.

JOSEPH NIELSEN—A native of Denmark, Joseph Nielsen of Harrisonburg has met with exceptional success in the contracting field in the Shenandoah Valley. His firm, the Nielsen Construction Company, has been contributing extensively to the upbuilding of the greater community since 1917, first as a partnership, and more recently under Mr. Nielsen's individual management. He is a notable figure in civic affairs too, being past president of both the Rotary and the Chamber of Commerce.

Born in Birkelse, Denmark, December 19, 1885, Joseph Nielsen is a son of Nils Peter and Christine (Poulsen) Nielsen, his father being a wholesale and retail dealer in lumber, and a general producer of that commodity in Birkelse. He was also that town's leading merchant. His practical abilities and activities no doubt gave his son much of the valuable background so necessary in his life work. Receiving his education in Danish schools, the boy graduated from high school in

Aalborg. After he had come to this country, he took further studies at the Allbright School in Buffalo, New York.

Joseph Nielsen came to the United States while he was still a youth, landing on these shores on December 2, 1902. His first business connection in this country was as draftsman with the firm of Faust, Mitchell and Parker, a concern engaged in interior decorating. He then came to Round Hill, Virginia, where he entered business for himself. This too was an interior decorating and designing firm, which he operated under the name of J. Nielsen and Company. In 1910 he removed to Leesburg, Virginia, there continuing in the same profession and under the same business style. At this juncture, he took his brother, N. P. Nielsen, into partnership. However, this partnership was dissolved in 1917, and in that year Mr. Nielsen came to Harrisonburg, where he has lived and worked since. He established himself in the same business, which progressed well under his management. In 1924, he was prepared for expansion, and took over management of the old firm of R. S. Bucher, General Contractors. Having thus enlarged the scope of his commercial endeavors, he named the new enterprise the Nielsen Construction Company. He took in his brother, Otto Nielsen, as a partner in 1926, and for the succeeding two decades the two jointly managed the concern. In 1946, however, Joseph Nielsen bought his brother's interest, and is now sole owner and head of the Nielsen Construction Company.

Mr. Nielsen's firm has an excellent record in the construction of educational, commercial and public buildings in the Shenandoah Valley. He has been responsible for the construction of all the buildings on the campus of Madison College, with four exceptions, since 1924. He built the Lucie F. Simm High School in Harrisonburg; the Capitol Theater in Winchester; and various outstanding business blocks in these and other cities. He has also done considerable residential construction. A current project is the construction of what is to be the largest building in Harrisonburg, the Rockingham Memorial Hospital, which involves a \$1,500,000 contract; and he is building at the same time a number of commercial edifices, chiefly in Rockingham County. He designed the court house in Pendleton County, West Virginia, situated at Franklin, and the Leesburg High School, Leesburg, Virginia. Mr. Nielsen has to his credit many more structures of equal importance. His name will continue to be prominently identified with the rapid physical changes being

made in the appearance of Shenandoah Valley communities.

Mr. Nielsen is fraternally affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. He is a member of the Rotary Club, of which he was president in 1933, and he is also a member, and past president, of the Chamber of Commerce of Harrisonburg. Mr. Nielsen and his family attend the Lutheran Church in Harrisonburg.

At Leesburg, Virginia, Joseph Nielsen married Katherine G. Rhodes, daughter of Randolph and Nanny (Wallace) Rhodes. The Nielsens have one child, Katybell, born October 24, 1917, at Harrisonburg, Virginia. She is now Mrs. Jack F. Mason.

Mr. Nielsen's address is 56 West Johnson Street, Harrisonburg.

STUART THOMAS SAUNDERS — Of the many prominent citizens of Roanoke who are connected with the Norfolk and Western Railway, Stuart Thomas Saunders is one who brings to that great organization, and to his community, a notable ability in the law and thorough training in that profession. Mr. Saunders has been assistant general counsel of the railroad since 1946, and he has exerted his leadership through many channels for the benefit of his city, being identified with the Chamber of Commerce, the City-County Forum, the Family Service Association and the American Red Cross.

Mr. Saunders is a son of William H. and Lucy (Smith) Saunders. His parents were farming people, their holdings in more recent years being located near Bedford, Virginia. At the time of Stuart T. Saunders' birth, however, they made their home at McDowell, West Virginia, and there he was born on July 16, 1909. On completing his secondary education in the local schools, he entered Roanoke College, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts on his graduation in 1930. Determined on a career in the law, he took his professional studies at Harvard Law School, which granted him the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1934.

Admitted to the bar, Mr. Saunders started the practice of his profession in Washington, D. C., where he remained from 1934 to 1939. From 1936 to 1939, he was a member of the law firm of Douglas, Obear and Campbell, in the nation's capital city. His association with the Norfolk and Western Railway dates from April 1, 1939, when he became assistant general solicitor of the railroad, with offices at Roanoke. In 1946, Mr.

Saunders became assistant general counsel, so continuing to date.

Mr. Saunders has held many offices in the course of his civic work. He is past president of the Family Service Association of Roanoke City; president of the Chamber of Commerce of Roanoke; and in 1946 was president of the Roanoke City-County Forum. He was vice-chairman and member of the Charter Commission of the City of Roanoke. He is past chapter chairman of the Roanoke County Chapter, American Red Cross. In 1945, he was president of the Rotary Club. Mr. Saunders also has a vital interest in the cause of education, and is a member of the board of trustees of Roanoke College, to which he was appointed in 1948. He is a member of the Roanoke Country Club and the Shenandoah Club, and the Metropolitan Club, of Washington, D. C. In his religious faith, Mr. Saunders is an Episcopalian, and he has served as vestryman of St. John's Episcopal Church since 1945.

At Bedford, Virginia, June 24, 1939, Stuart Thomas Saunders married Dorothy Davidson, daughter of Jesse T. and Laura (Jeter) Davidson. Mr. and Mrs. Saunders have four children, all born in Roanoke, Virginia: 1. Stuart Thomas, Jr., born March 19, 1941. 2. Laura Jeter, born April 15, 1944. 3. Jesse Davidson, born August 6, 1947. 4. William Tazewell Saunders, born December 9, 1949.

WILLIAM MARYON MOIR, M.D.—A former instructor in the University of Virginia School of Medicine and a lieutenant commander in the United States Naval Reserve Medical Corps who saw action in the Pacific and in the States in World War II, Dr. William Maryon Moir is today practicing internal medicine in Roanoke, Virginia.

Dr. Moir was born in Roanoke on July 7, 1905, the son of Edwin Lucian and Kathleen (Maryon) Moir. His father, a prominent business man, was founder and president of the wholesale grocery firm of Moir and Trout. Dr. Moir spent two years at Virginia Military Institute and then transferred to Roanoke College, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1925. He was awarded the degree of Master of Science in pharmacology at the University of Virginia in 1931 and in 1933 he was granted the degree of Doctor of Medicine by the university's School of Medicine. He was a Fellow and instructor in pharmacology at the medical school and then a Fellow and instructor in internal medicine there.

Since 1946, the year of his separation from the Navy he has been specializing in internal medicine in Roanoke, with office at 818 South Jefferson Street.

Dr. Moir married Jane Neave Hildreth, daughter of Eugenius Augustus and Jane (Brady) Hildreth, at Chappaqua, Westchester County, New York, on December 20, 1933. They have two children—Edwin Lucian, born September 1, 1938, and Sarah Hildreth, born July 22, 1940.

ROBERT NELSON HURT—An executive of the Appalachian Electric Power Company, Robert Nelson Hurt of Roanoke has become known among the utilities concerns and other industrial and commercial enterprises of the South for his progressive ideas on employee training and industrial welfare and recreational programs. He is now employee relations supervisor for the power company. He has achieved such a reputation in Junior Chamber of Commerce work as to be elected a national director of the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Hurt was born at Salem, Virginia, on August 23, 1918, the son of James Wheeler and Lillian Ellen Hurt, the former a retired merchant who fought in the Spanish-American War. Robert Hurt was graduated from the Andrew Lewis High School, Salem, in 1934. He attended the National Business College in Roanoke in 1934 and 1935. He has also taken two courses at the University of Virginia, in safety engineering and personnel management.

Mr. Hurt was employed by the power company on September 7, 1937, and was first assigned to the distribution department. On November 1, 1943, he was transferred to the division manager's office and on November 1, 1946, he was appointed district safety director. At the present time, as employee relations supervisor, he has duties which include the training and employment practices of the company and social and recreational activities. He is a member of the American Society of Training Directors; the Roanoke Junior Chamber of Commerce, of which he was president in 1947-1948; the Virginia State Junior Chamber of Commerce, of which he was vice-president in 1946-1947; the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce, of which he became a national director for the year 1949-1950, and the Roanoke Chamber of Commerce, which he served as a director in 1947-1948. He attends the Second Presbyterian Church of Roanoke.

On November 26, 1938, Mr. Hurt married Olive Fisher Cooper, daughter of Henry Fisher and Nettie Cooper. The marriage took place in Roanoke. Mr. and Mrs. Hurt have a daughter, Patricia Ann Hurt, who was born on November 29, 1944.

BARTON DENT SHUPE — A business man prominent in civic affairs, Barton Dent Shupe is assistant manager of the Roanoke Branch of the Noland Company, Inc., and assistant secretary of the corporation. In World War II he served in the rationing program on the "home front" and he is now active in other phases of civic life.

Mr. Shupe was born in Wise County, Virginia, on November 30, 1905, the son of Thomas Dent and Mary (Hodges) Shupe. His father, for many years an attorney, spent most of his adult life in farming. He died in 1932. Barton Shupe was graduated from high school at Wytheville, Virginia, in 1923, and until 1925 was a student at the National Business College of Roanoke, in which he took a course in business administration. In 1926 and 1927 he studied for the certificate of Certified Public Accountant by correspondence with the LaSalle Extension University and in 1929 he took further business courses at the University of Wisconsin. In 1925, he went to work as a bookkeeper for the Noland Company, Inc., in Roanoke. He was promoted to credit manager in 1937 and in 1948 was made assistant manager of the Roanoke Branch and also assistant secretary of the corporation. In World War II he served on both the gas rationing panel and the rationing appeal board in Roanoke. He is a member of the United Commercial Travelers, the Optimist Club of Roanoke and the Roanoke Executives' Club. He is a member of the Lutheran Church at Wytheville.

Mr. Shupe married Rowena Johnson, the daughter of Laban and Virginia (Adkins) Johnson, in Roanoke on November 15, 1934. Their home is at 1812 Sheffield Road, Roanoke, while Mr. Shupe's business address is 1226 Center Avenue, in that city.

GEORGE WASHINGTON FOXWELL — As manager of the Southwest Virginia territory of the American Bakeries Company (Merita), George Washington Foxwell has become known throughout the Shenandoah Valley. His headquarters are in Roanoke, where he is active in organizational and civic affairs.

Mr. Foxwell was born in Baltimore, Maryland,

on May 2, 1916, the son of John Ellsworth and Ann (Pruitt) Foxwell. The father died when the future bakery executive was still a small boy. G. W. Foxwell went to work in the plant of the American Bakeries Company in Roanoke as an assistant stock clerk in March, 1938. In September of the following year he entered the office as an accounting clerk. He was made office manager in January, 1941, and in 1947 was promoted to manager of Virginia operations in the southwest territory. Mr. Foxwell has achieved his success in the industry and in the community at large despite a limited formal education. He attended Fork Union Military Academy at Fork Union, Virginia, in 1936, and in ensuing years kept hammering away at education by taking extension courses at the University of Virginia. By these means he completed the equivalent of the first two years of preliminary college subjects. Through night study and reading and cultural activities, he has become an educated, well-read individual. He is a member of the Touchdown Club of Roanoke, the Research Institute of America, Inc., the Kiwanis Club of Roanoke and the Roanoke Executives' Club. Active in the Virginia Heights Baptist Church, Roanoke, he is president of the Sunday School class.

Mr. Foxwell married Dorothy J. Wood, the daughter of W. L. and Emma Mae (Hill) Wood, at Villamont, Virginia, on March 28, 1941. They have two daughters—Dorothy Jane, born on April 19, 1945, and Ann Lee, born on June 26, 1947. Mr. Foxwell's business address is 2049 Windsor Avenue, Roanoke.

RUSSELL PAUL EAGLE—A farmer and business man known throughout Western Virginia, Russell Paul Eagle is active in many phases of life at Harrisonburg. At present actively engaged in farming and the poultry business, Mr. Eagle is the founder or co-founder of such Harrisonburg enterprises as the Eagle Produce Company, the Harrisonburg Wheel and Parts Company and the Royal Motor Company, the first two of which he has leased to others, the third being managed by his partner, T. A. Derrer.

Mr. Eagle was born in neighboring Augusta County on July 10, 1903, the son of Addison Howard and Lily Cora (Foley) Eagle. His birth occurred on his father's farm. Russell Eagle went through grade and high schools in Augusta County, finishing at the high school in Center-ville. Until the depression came to its worst year, 1931, Mr. Eagle worked on the farm and in a

factory. In 1931, he formed a partnership with H. H. Hollar, and they established a poultry business first known as Hollar and Eagle. It was operated from the old Wampler Building, at 120 West Wolfe Street, Harrisonburg. In 1934, Mr. Eagle bought out Mr. Hollar's interest in the enterprise and changed its name to Eagle Produce Company. In the next few years, despite continued depression, Mr. Eagle guided the business through an encouraging period of expansion. By 1939, he was able to buy the present headquarters building of the firm, at Harrisonburg, and in 1940 built an addition to that structure. In 1948, Mr. Eagle leased the enlarged building and the business itself to S. M. and S. T. Lambert, who continue to operate under the name of Eagle Produce Company. In the meantime, toward the end of 1947, Mr. Eagle had completed a building at 690 North Main Street, also in the Rockingham County seat, and in this he housed the business known as the Royal Motor Company, owned by himself and Mr. Derrer. Mr. Derrer runs the business, while Mr. Eagle gives his attention to his farming and general poultry business. His home is at 624 Callicello Street, Harrisonburg. Mr. Eagle is active in the community through his membership in the Lions Club of Harrisonburg and the Church of the Brethren.

He married Frances Cathleen Helms, daughter of William and Rosa Mae (Jarrells) Helms, in Harrisonburg on November 27, 1928, and is the father of three children: Donald Paul, born November 9, 1929; Rodney Lee, born November 24, 1936, and Linda Allison, born March 8, 1947.

ALBERT EZRA SNYDER — Public utilities have been the lifetime career of Albert Ezra Snyder of Roanoke, and he has held posts of varying degrees of responsibility with such concerns in the Middle West as well as the Shenandoah Valley and surrounding area. He is at present accounting administrative assistant of the Appalachian Electric Power Company at Roanoke. He is also a prominent figure in organizational work, especially in the Masonic order, and in Roanoke's civic affairs.

Mr. Snyder was born at Woolsey, South Dakota, on May 15, 1896, the son of Myron Wesley and Adah (Hollister) Snyder. His father was a furniture merchant. Albert Snyder completed his education in the Elkhart, Indiana, high school in 1916, and immediately afterward entered the public utilities field. His first position was that of clerk-auditor with the Elkhart Gas and Fuel Company,



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with which he remained from 1916 to 1920. Next he was with the Wisconsin Railroad Commission at Madison, for which he worked as a traveling auditor in 1920. The following years, 1920 to 1922, he was with the Southern Minnesota Gas and Electric Company, Albert Lea, also as an auditor. In 1922 Mr. Snyder became associated with the American Gas and Electric System and was made assistant officer manager for the Indiana and Michigan Electric Company at South Bend, but two years later he moved to West Virginia to become auditor for the Interstate Power Company at Charleston. In 1926, he accepted appointment as construction accountant of the Appalachian Electric Power Company in Roanoke.

Mr. Snyder has been a popular personality in various organizations for many years. As far back as 1921-1922 he was national president of Beta Phi Sigma Fraternity. He is active today in various Masonic bodies, including the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite and the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; the United Commercial Travelers; the American Automobile Association and the Optimist International.

On May 16, 1917, at Elkhart, Mr. Snyder married Mary Evelyn Hunt, the daughter of William James and Julia (McGowen) Hunt. They have two children: Albert Ezra, Jr., born May 4, 1918, and Larry Edwin, born January 10, 1933.

COLLINS DENNY NOFSINGER, M.D., of Roanoke, prominent for nearly a quarter of a century in the medical circles of Roanoke, is chief of the medical department of the Lewis-Gale Hospital in that city. He has been identified with the hospital throughout his professional career, and has held his present position since 1928. A conscientious and indefatigable man, thoroughly trained in his profession, Dr. Nofsinger keeps to the fore in medical developments through a number of organizational memberships.

He is a native of Botetourt County, born December 27, 1896, son of Charles William and Betty Elizabeth (Craft) Nofsinger. His father was a merchant and farmer, succeeding well at both occupations. His son attended the public grade and high schools in Fincastle, Virginia, graduating from the latter in 1916. In that year he entered Roanoke College, Salem, but in 1918 transferred to the Medical College of Virginia at Richmond, where he completed his courses and received the degree of Doctor of Medicine in

1922. Dr. Nofsinger interned at St. Luke's Hospital in Richmond during the remainder of 1922 and 1923, and he has furthered his knowledge of medicine through postgraduate work at a number of institutions.

After completing post graduate study in internal medicine he specialized in internal medicine at the Lewis-Gale Hospital. In 1928, in recognition of his professional competence and administrative ability, he became chief of the medical department at that hospital, and has headed that department since.

Dr. Nofsinger is a member of the American Medical Association, the American College of Physicians, the Medical Society of Virginia, the Southwest Virginia Medical Society, and the Roanoke Academy of Medicine. In the American College of Physicians he has become a Fellow; and he is a diplomate of the American Board of Internal Medicine, certified in 1937. Dr. Nofsinger is listed in the "Directory of Medical Specialists."

Locally, he is a member of the Roanoke Country Club and the Kiwanis Club. He is a communicant of the Methodist Church.

At Richmond, Virginia, May 30, 1924, Dr. Collins Denny Nofsinger married Duane Elizabeth Walsh, daughter of William T. and Hattie Walsh. Dr. and Mrs. Nofsinger are the parents of three children: Collins Denny, Jr., Catherine, and Mary Virginia. Mrs. Nofsinger attends the Presbyterian Church.

Dr. Nofsinger's address is the Lewis-Gale Hospital in Roanoke.

WILLIAM HERBERT McILHANY—Since the early 1930s William Herbert McIlhany of Roanoke has been a construction equipment specialist, devoting himself to construction problems and methods. In this field he has made a Valley-wide reputation. He is now operating the McIlhany Equipment Company, Inc., with headquarters in Roanoke. He has won a position of leadership among road builders and other contractors in the Old Dominion and The Mountain State.

Born at Radford on February 12, 1892, Mr. McIlhany is the son of John Milton and Elizabeth (Wygall) McIlhany. His father, who was terminal trainmaster for the Norfolk and Western Railway Company at Bluefield, West Virginia, is now deceased. William McIlhany was graduated from Jefferson High School, in Roanoke, in 1914 and then completed his education at Roanoke College. For years he has followed the construction equip-

ment business. On January 1, 1947, he founded McIlhany Equipment Company, Inc., and has been its president and general manager ever since. The firm sells contractors' and industrial equipment and equipment parts, and maintains a complete supply and repair service. Its chief is a member of the Associated Equipment Distributors, the Virginia Road Builders Association, the West Virginia Contractors Association, the Rotary Club of Roanoke, the Shenandoah Club and the Roanoke Country Club. His church is the Second Presbyterian of Roanoke.

Mr. McIlhany married Margaret Hoge, the daughter of Samuel S. and Mollie (Price) Hoge, in Bristol, Virginia, on December 30, 1910. They have one son, Herbert Hoge McIlhany, who was born on January 21, 1912. He has been associated with his father's company since its founding. Married, he is the father of Kent Hoge McIlhany, who was born on June 27, 1937.

ELMER HANGER DEACON—A familiar spectacle on the highways east and northeast out of Shenandoah Valley through the remainder of the Old Dominion and into Maryland is the "Red Line"—the motor carriers operated by Elmer Hanger Deacon of Salem. One of the three organizers of this company, Red Line, Inc., Mr. Deacon is now its sole owner. He has made a recognized contribution to the development of his native region.

Mr. Deacon was born at Collierstown, in Rockbridge County, on March 30, 1891, the son of Thomas J. Deacon, a farmer in that county, and Mabel (Hanger) Deacon. Following his graduation from high school at Collierstown, Elmer Deacon spent the year 1912-1913 at William and Mary College. Later, in the year 1915-1916, he was a student at Washington and Lee University in Lexington.

In 1916 Mr. Deacon went to work for the Low Moor Iron Company in Virginia as a commissary manager. In 1919 he resigned from this firm to go to Gary, West Virginia, as outside superintendent for the United States Coal and Coke Company, with which he remained until 1932. In that year he joined his brother, C. H. Deacon, and H. A. Wickline in organizing Red Line, Inc., at Roanoke. His brother died on July 4, 1938, and soon afterward Elmer Deacon acquired the C. H. Deacon interest in the firm. On September 1, 1939, he bought out his other partner, Mr. Wickline, and since then has been sole owner of the business. Red Lion, Inc., completely motorized, car-

ries merchandise and other types of freight over two parallel highway routes to Danville and from Danville to Baltimore, Maryland. It has "irregular" authority to operate to other points. Mr. Deacon is constantly increasing the volume of the business and "Red Line" trucks become increasingly better known on the roads. Mr. Deacon is himself well-known in the area. He is a member of the Masonic Blue Lodge and the Royal Arch Masons, and also of the Kiwanis Club of Salem. He worships in the Presbyterian Church of Salem.

On October 24, 1918, at Scottsville, Mr. Deacon married Rachel Beal, the daughter of Jackson and Mary Emma (Bledsoe) Beal. They have two daughters—Mrs. Frank Stevens, born Dorothy Douglass Deacon on July 27, 1920, and Mrs. William Lee Andrews, Jr., born Nancy Lee Deacon on October 22, 1927. Mr. Deacon's residence address is 210 Locust Avenue, Salem.

DAVIS HASKINS ELLIOT—For years associated with the Appalachian Electric Power Company at Roanoke, Davis Haskins Elliot is now the head of an electrical contracting firm in that city. The firm, of which he was one of three co-founders, is the Davis H. Elliot Company, with headquarters at 11 Naval Reserve Avenue, Roanoke. In World War II, Mr. Elliot served with the United States Navy in both Atlantic and Pacific waters. He participates, usually on the leadership level, in all major civic projects.

Born at Fall River, Massachusetts, on January 26, 1907, Mr. Elliot is the son of Arthur and Edith (Haskins) Elliot. His father was a farmer at Dartmouth, Massachusetts. Davis Elliot began his education in the elementary schools of that Massachusetts township and in 1926 was graduated from the Dartmouth High School. He then attended Massachusetts State College, at Amherst, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1930. The following year he came to the Shenandoah Valley.

His first activity in the Valley was with the Appalachian Electric Power Company, which took him into its employ as a member of the distribution department staff. Except for the period when he was with the armed forces in World War II, he remained with the company until January, 1946, without interruption. From 1940 to 1946, he was assistant district manager of the Roanoke District. In 1946, Mr. Elliot, in association with H. L. Lawson, Jr., and J. T. Cunningham, Jr., formed the Davis H. Elliot Company, the elec-



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trical contracting firm, and he has since been its president.

Mr. Elliot's World War II service began only three months after Pearl Harbor. In March, 1942, he was commissioned a lieutenant junior grade and immediately went into the active service with the Navy. After various assignments, he was made commanding officer, with the rank of lieutenant commander, of the U. S. S. "Nucleus," a minesweeper and anti-submarine warfare vessel of the fleet, with which he served in both European and Asiatic waters. Also, he was commander of Mine Division 33, attached to the Pacific fleet and operating in the Aleutian Islands. Another tour of duty took him into the North Atlantic on submarine patrol. He was separated from the active service in September, 1945, and returned to his executive duties with the power company.

Mr. Elliot's reputation reaches into many phases of life in the Valley and beyond. He is president of the Virginia Chapter of the National Electrical Contractors Association and for three years, 1946 through 1948, was a member of the vestry of St. John's Episcopal Church, Roanoke. Active for years in the Roanoke Community Fund campaigns, he was a lieutenant colonel of the Industrial Division in the 1949 campaign. He is also active in the Commonwealth Club of Richmond, the Shenandoah Club of Roanoke, the Roanoke Country Club, the German Club of Roanoke and other organizations.

Mr. Elliot and Elizabeth Flourney Adams, the daughter of W. Duval Adams, Jr., and Martha (Rivers) Adams, were married at Lynchburg on December 15, 1934. They have one son, William Davis Elliot, who was born on March 7, 1946.

DAVID CHARLES ACKER—A farmer from the early years of his career, David Charles Acker has found in agriculture a field for greater service than afforded by the operation of his own acreage. Mr. Acker is president of the Rockingham Co-op Farm Bureau, Inc., has held that office since 1928, and was active in the founding of the organization in 1921. He has helped its growth to a five-million-dollar economic service, with over five thousand members and branches in a number of communities throughout the Shenandoah Valley.

Born near Broadway, Virginia, October 11, 1869, Mr. Acker is a son of Isaac and Sally V. (Shirkey) Acker. Isaac Acker was born a little over four miles south of Broadway, Virginia, on September 4, 1832, and died July 23, 1908. He was both a farmer and a carpenter, and he served

the Confederate cause in the War Between the States as a member of the 7th Virginia Cavalry, and as clerk of his company. Sally V. (Shirkey) Acker was also born about four miles south of Broadway on March 27, 1838 and died November 23, 1926.

David Charles Acker received his first education in a one-room country school, but he continued his studies, to acquire an excellent education. He attended Broadway high school, and Bridgewater College, and graduated from Dunsmore Business College in 1890.

Mr. Acker was first and last a farmer. After completion of his education he devoted himself to the operation of a one hundred and twenty-five acre farm on Linville Creek, where he engaged in diversified agricultural enterprises, turning much of his acreage over to the grazing of livestock. He now operates in addition a two hundred and fifty acre farm on Smith's Creek, his wife's old home.

His connection with the Rockingham Co-op Farm Bureau, Inc., dates from the time of its incorporation in 1921, and he was one of the prime movers interested in the founding of this organization devoted to the service of the local farmers. He served as its vice-president from 1921, and in 1928 was elected its president, in which executive office he has served since that time. From humble beginnings he has seen this worthy project grow to a five-million-dollar organization; has seen its branch in Harrisonburg enlarged six times; and has seen further branches established at Timberville, Elkton, Bridgewater, and Cross Keys. Its membership, which stood at two hundred and sixty-five in 1921, has grown until a recent enumeration reveals five thousand and thirty members. Its benefits cannot so readily be calculated in statistical terms, but the confidence placed in the co-operative farm bureau by the farmers themselves is indicative of the importance of its contribution to their security and welfare.

Mr. Acker's leadership in the Bureau has drawn the attention of the members of his community to his exceptional business abilities, and he has in recent years found himself in a number of other responsible posts. He is chairman of the board of trustees of Mutual Cold Storage, Inc., in Timberville, and is chairman of its executive committee. He is a member of the board of directors of the Food Processors Water Co-operative of Rockingham County. For forty-five years, Mr. Acker has been secretary and treasurer of the Rockingham Mutual Telephone and Telegraph Company.

He has been president and director of the First National Bank of Broadway, Virginia, for about ten or twelve years. He was the re-employment committeeman of Rockingham County during World War II. In acknowledgment of his remarkable contributions, Mr. Acker's name is listed in "Who's Who in America" and in "Poor's Directory."

He has never sought political office, but has been an Independent in his voting for fifty years. He is a man of cosmopolitan interests and a wide understanding of the world, and in addition to having been in practically every state in the United States, he has traveled over most of Europe.

He has been a notary public for more than fifty years. Since its organization nearly a quarter of a century ago, Mr. Acker has been a member of the Agricultural Conference Board of Virginia. He is a past member of the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation and from 1928 to 1949 was a director and member of the executive committee. He is active in other co-operative groups: the Valley of Virginia Milk Association, the Rockingham Poultry Co-operative, and the Rockingham County Canning Co-operative. He is also a member of the board of directors of the Shen Valley Meat Packers Co-operative. He has during his career, been identified with a number of local clubs and lodges, but has terminated active membership in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he was Past Noble Grand. He remains a member of the Broadway-Timberville Ruritan Club, however.

At Tenth Legion, Virginia, April 6, 1906, David Charles Acker married Martha M. B. Sellers, daughter of Jacob S. and Mary (Shaffer) Sellers. Mrs. Acker died July 24, 1944, near Broadway, Virginia. They were the parents of three children: 1. Isaac J., born April 18, 1907. 2. D. Clarence, born October 11, 1912. 3. Ernest D., born October 19, 1913. Mr. Acker resides near Broadway, Virginia.

CHARLES HADDON HAVNAER — Shenandoah Valley is the home grounds of a laundry and dry cleaning supply firm which serves a large portion of the South. This enterprise is Havnaer Supply Company, of which Charles Haddon Havnaer, who lives in Roanoke, is owner. Co-founder of the firm, Mr. Havnaer is in charge of territory served from the Roanoke office, this territory consisting of all Virginia, West Virginia, and Tennessee. Mr. Havnaer is active in numerous organizations in the territory.

He was born in Catawba County, North Carolina, on January 2, 1901, the son of Perry Gay and Mamie (Bishop) Havnaer. The father operated a canvas glove manufacturing and wholesale candy business at Hickory, North Carolina. After attending the elementary schools in Catawba County, Charles Havnaer went to the Gaffney, South Carolina, high school, from which he was graduated in 1920. The year 1921 he spent as a student at the Kings Business College in Charlotte, North Carolina, and the following year began his career.

Mr. Havnaer's first job was as a travelling salesman for the Cudahy Packing Company. He covered the entire South for this famous meat concern. After five years, he resigned to join the staff of F. H. Ross and Company, at Charlotte, and for this firm he covered the states North and South Carolina, remaining until 1940. In that year he and Mr. W. Carl Boggs organized their own company, Boggs and Havnaer, Incorporated, and together they built the business into one of great prestige and volume. On February 1, 1950, Mr. Havnaer purchased the interests of Mr. Boggs in the Roanoke territory and is now sole owner. He sold his interests in Charlotte, North Carolina, to Mr. Boggs. Mr. Havnaer is a member of the Allied Trade Association, the Lions Club of Roanoke, the Roanoke Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Hidden Valley Country Club and several Masonic bodies, including Kazim Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, in Roanoke. He worships in the Methodist Church.

Mr. Havnaer married Ruby Haden, the daughter of A. L. and Onnie Haden, at Sheffield, Alabama, and they have two children—Charles Haddon Havnaer, Jr., born September 9, 1925, and known affectionately to all as "Jack, Jr.," and Kathryn Hortense Havnaer, born March 13, 1927.

ROBERT BYHAN WHITE—A veteran of both World War I and World War II who has served his neighbors in major civilian capacities also, Robert Byhan White is now in the building supply business in Roanoke. His firm is R. B. White, Building Supplies, with plant and office at Cleveland Avenue, S.W., Roanoke. He is well-known in the construction and related trades and in civic life.

Mr. White was born at Wytheville, Virginia, on May 30, 1893, the son of Walter Scott and Frances B. (Harkrader) White. His father was the owner of the Norfolk Livestock Company at Norfolk, where the family lived for many years. Robert B.

White went through the grade schools and started high school at Wytheville, but completed his high school education in Norfolk in 1911. Until 1913 he was at Norfolk Academy.

From 1916 until 1926, he was with the Certain-Teed Products Corporation. He began in April, 1916, as a salesman and assistant sales manager in the headquarters office in Richmond, Virginia. Later he worked for the company at Baltimore, Maryland. In his early days with Certain-Teed, Mr. White became a member of the Norfolk Blues, with which he served three years. For eight months in the course of the Mexican insurrection he served on the Mexican border, attached to the Artillery. When the United States entered World War I, Mr. White took another military leave of absence and went into the Regular Army. He served one year, attached as a Sergeant to Company C, 317th Infantry, 80th Division, stationed at Camp Lee, Virginia. After the war he returned to his position at Richmond, where he remained until his transfer to Roanoke in 1919. World War II again took him from his work. This time, commissioned a captain, he served three and one-half years. He was storage and supply officer at the Anniston Ordnance Depot in Alabama. At the time of his separation from the service on July 2, 1946, he was a major. In September, 1947, he established his own firm, R. B. White, Building Supplies, in Roanoke, and has since developed this into a large and successful business. Well-known in the trade, he is a member of the Virginia Building Materials Association, the Building Supplies Society of Roanoke and similar organizations. Also, he belongs to Pleasants Lodge, No. 63, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; the Royal Arch Masons; the Roanoke Lodge, No. 197, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Roanoke Country Club, which he joined in 1923.

Mr. White married Ethel Harris, the daughter of Mr. Harris and Melvina (Huff) Harris, at Roanoke on January 19, 1918. They have one son, Robert Byhan White, Jr., who was born on June 16, 1925.

HAROLD ELMER ROTHWELL—One of the leading personalities in the electrical field in Shenandoah Valley is Harold Elmer Rothwell, manager for the General Electric Supply Corporation at Roanoke, and covering a territory embracing many counties in Western Virginia. He has been so successful in the General Electric's sales organization as to have been made a member of the Inner Circle Club.

Mr. Rothwell was born in Roanoke on Decem-

ber 23, 1912, the son of Henry Mantiply and Myrtle (Brubeck) Rothwell. His father is in the general printing business in Richmond. Graduated from the John Marshall High School, Richmond, in 1931, Harold Rothwell took a one-year extension course at Virginia Polytechnic Institute. He was so determined to prepare for and succeed in the professional world that for twelve years he was a student in the night classes of the Virginia Mechanics' Institute in Richmond. In 1939, he was awarded the degree of Electrical Engineer. But even after winning his degree he continued his education, taking advanced courses in electrical engineering, accounting and business law in 1939, 1940 and 1941.

In the meantime, in 1933, Mr. Rothwell had begun to work with the Virginia Electric Power Company at Richmond. His first job was that of meter tester. In 1935, he was transferred to the distributing engineering department as engineering clerk. Later he was made an engineer in this department. In 1942 he went into the system engineering division as electrical engineer, and America's entry in World War II found him in a highly essential occupation. In 1945, Mr. Rothwell resigned from his first company to accept a post as quotation engineer with the General Electric Supply Corporation, also at Richmond. Subsequently, he was promoted to assistant to the sales manager and in 1946 he was sent to Roanoke as manager of the Western Virginia territory. This territory includes the area from Smyth County to Augusta County and East to Appomattox and Halifax Counties. In addition to the Inner Circle Club of General Electric, to which he was elected in recognition of an outstanding sales record, Mr. Rothwell belongs to the Southwest Virginia Engineers Club and the American Institute of Electrical Engineers. Other of his organizations are the Blue Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; Kazim Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; the Lions Club of Roanoke, and the Hidden Valley Country Club. Active in the Grandin Court Baptist Church of Roanoke, Mr. Rothwell serves on its board of deacons and on the building committee.

He married Ruth M. Jones, daughter of L. D. and Blanche (Grinstead) Jones, in Rockville, Maryland, on August 1, 1936. Their children are Donald Erwin Rothwell, born on December 28, 1941, and Diann Elaine Rothwell, born on August 28, 1946. Mr. Rothwell's business address is 515 Norfolk Avenue, his home address Deyerle Road, Roanoke County.

JOHN DONALD MURRAY—Through the high post he holds with the Appalachian Electric Power Company, John Donald Murray of Roanoke is able to apply his abilities in the service of Shenandoah Valley and to further the welfare and comfort and industrial development of the entire region. His office is that of administrative assistant to the vice-president and general manager of the company.

Born at Frederick, Maryland, on October 29, 1897, Mr. Murray is the son of John Jacob Murray, an electrical engineer with the Traffic and Fire Alarm System in Washington, D. C., and Gertrude (Donald) Murray. He attended the elementary and high schools at Frederick, Maryland, graduating from the latter in 1917, and then took a four-year course at the Pace Institute of Accountancy in Washington. He was graduated from Pace in 1922. In the World War I period Mr. Murray, joining the Student Army Training Corps, was stationed at Camp Lee, Petersburg, Virginia, for a time.

Upon his graduation from Pace, Mr. Murray was appointed to the accounting staff of the Public Utilities Commission in the District of Columbia, and he was with this body from 1922 to 1934. His next post was with the Public Utilities Commission of the State of West Virginia, at Charleston, and he worked with this agency from 1934 to 1943. In the latter year he was appointed an administrative assistant with the Appalachian Electric Power Company and on January 1, 1947, was made administrative assistant to the vice-president and general manager. This is the position he holds today. He is a member of the Myron M. Parker Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Washington, D. C.

Mr. Murray married Mildred A. Ross, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Ross of Washington, in that city on October 16, 1922. They have one son, John Ross Murray, who was born on October 11, 1930. The family worships in Christ Lutheran Church, Roanoke. Mr. Murray's residence address is 1840 Blenheim Road, Roanoke.

ROBERT EARLE GLENDY, M.D., of Roanoke has compressed into his rather less than twenty years of medical practice a vast amount of experience. He had become prominent in professional circles in Boston, Massachusetts, before the war. During that conflict, he attained the rank of lieutenant colonel in the Medical Corps, Army of the United States; and he has since

practiced in Roanoke, where he is also on the staff of a number of hospitals. Dr. Glendy is identified with a large number of professional organizations. The city of Roanoke is fortunate in having in its medical circles a physician of his calibre.

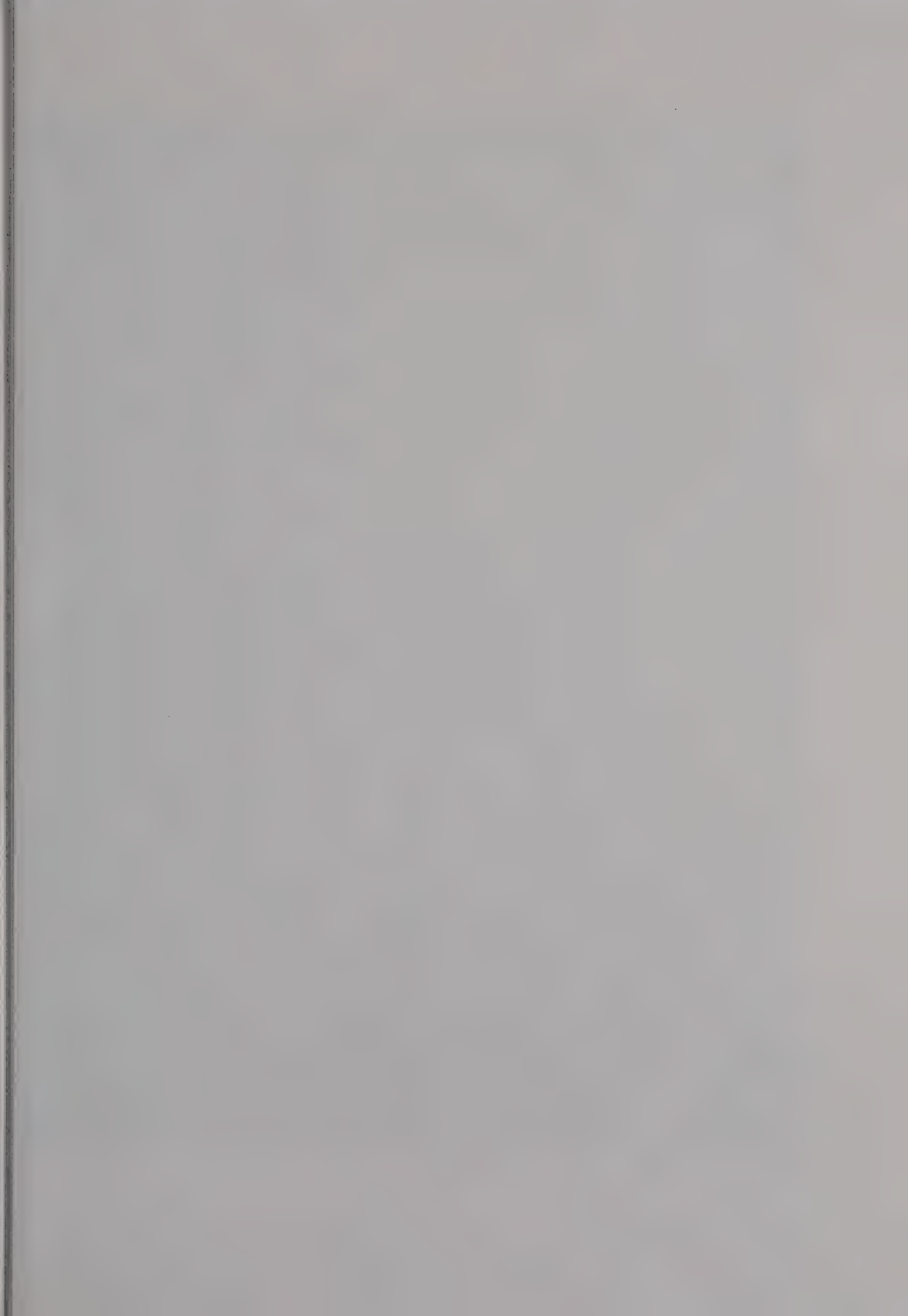
Dr. Glendy is a native of Columbus, Ohio, born in September, 1902. His parents were Cloyd Darst and Elizabeth (Gardner) Glendy. The family moved to Dublin, Virginia, in 1904, and there Cloyd Glendy became a prominent member of the community, engaging successfully in banking, and later being elected mayor of Dublin. He was active in politics, and served as Democratic committeeman of Pulaski, where Dublin is located.

After completing his elementary schooling, R. Earle Glendy attended the Emory and Henry Fitting School at Emory, Virginia, class of 1920. From 1921 to 1925, he attended Virginia Military Institute, and on graduation received the degree of Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering. However, determining to follow the medical profession instead of engineering, he entered the University of Virginia Medical School, and graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1931.

Thereafter, Dr. Glendy went to Boston, Massachusetts, passing his internship there, at the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, from 1931 to 1933. His first professional appointment was as assistant physician at the Middlesex County Sanatorium for tubercular patients located at Waltham, Massachusetts. During the latter part of 1933 and in 1934, he was assistant resident physician at the Massachusetts General Hospital. During 1934-1935, he held the Dalton Scholarship in Medicine, and in 1935-1936 was a Fellow in cardiology, both at the Massachusetts General Hospital in the clinic and in the laboratory of Dr. Paul D. White in Boston.

During the years from 1936 to 1941, Dr. Glendy held the following appointments: assistant in medicine, out-patient department, Massachusetts General Hospital; instructor in medicine, Harvard Medical School, Courses for Graduates; courtesy staff of the Baptist Hospital, Palmer Memorial Hospital and Faulkner Hospital in Boston, and of the Mount Auburn Hospital, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

In 1941, Dr. Glendy was commissioned a captain in the Medical Corps of the Army of the United States; and he became chief of the medical service of the 16th General Hospital in the European Theater of Operations, which hospital





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was stationed, at various times during the progress of the northern European campaign, in England, France and Belgium. Dr. Glendy himself participated in the Normandy invasion, the Ardenes campaign, and the battle for the Rhineland. He advanced to the rank of lieutenant colonel, was awarded the Bronze Star, and was separated from the service in 1945.

In resuming civilian medical practice, Dr. Glendy determined to settle in the pleasant locality in which he had passed his boyhood, and accordingly took up practice in Roanoke. He has been there since 1945; and in addition to conducting an extensive private practice of internal medicine and cardiology, he is connected with the following: member of the visiting staff, and chief of medical service in 1946, of the Roanoke Hospital; senior consultant in internal medicine at the Veterans Hospital in Roanoke; consulting internist for the Norfolk and Western Railway at Roanoke; consultant in internal medicine at the Radford, Virginia, Community Hospital; and member of the courtesy staff of Lewis-Gale and Jefferson Hospitals at Roanoke.

Following are Dr. Glendy's connections with medical organizations: Fellow of the American College of Physicians; diplomate of the American Board of Internal Medicine, certification, 1945; and member of the American Medical Association, the New England Heart Association, the Virginia Medical Society, the American Heart Association, the Massachusetts Medical Society, the Southwest Virginia Medical Society, and the Academy of Medicine of Roanoke, Virginia. He is also a member of the Calcanon Club of the University of Virginia. He was elected to Phi Beta Kappa at the University of Virginia in 1930, belonged to the Raven Society at the same university, and is a member of Alpha Omega Alpha honorary medical society and Kappa Alpha social fraternity. Locally, Dr. Glendy is identified with the Rotary Club, the Shenandoah Club and the Roanoke Country Club. He is a communicant of Our Lady of Nazareth Roman Catholic Church in Roanoke.

At Boston, Massachusetts, on August 16, 1933, Robert Earle Glendy, M.D., married Margaret Elizabeth Moriarty, daughter of Patrick and Julia (Lombard) Moriarty. Dr. and Mrs. Glendy have three children: 1. Robert Earle, Jr., born May 28, 1935. 2. David Gardner, who was born May 4, 1937. 3. Elizabeth Margaret, born February 22, 1942.

Dr. Glendy's office is at 820 South Jefferson Street, Roanoke.

DWIGHT WILSON HARTMAN — President and treasurer of Hartman Motor Sales, Inc., Dwight Wilson Hartman is a leader in automotive sales circles throughout the Shenandoah Valley. His agency holds the Buick franchise for the Harrisonburg area, and Mr. Hartman has been influential in developing the sales potential there. He holds membership and formerly held office in the local automobile dealers' organizations.

Mr. Hartman has made his marked success in this highly competitive field while still a young man, for he was born March 25, 1923, in Harrisonburg. His parents are Dan Hartman and Lena (Good) Hartman, and his father, although semi-retired at the present time, owns and operates the Harrisonburg airport. After attending the public elementary and high schools of his native community, Dwight W. Hartman completed his secondary studies at the Eastern Mennonite School, from whose courses, equivalent to the high school level, he graduated in 1939.

After graduation, he gained his first business experience in the management of a service station, from June of 1939 to January, 1941. This station was located in Harrisonburg. He thereafter accepted a position driving a truck for the Harrisonburg Motor Express, and engaged in truck maintenance until 1945, with the exception of the period spent in the service of his country at the time of World War II. He was in the civilian public service for eleven months, and his time was divided among two camps in Pennsylvania and Fort Collins, Colorado.

In January, 1945, after his return from Fort Collins, Dwight W. Hartman returned to his previous work in truck maintenance. He had by now gained a thorough and varied experience in various aspects of the automotive field, and determined that his best opportunity for a career lay in automobile sales. On November 1, 1945, he took the agency for the sale of Packard automobiles in his community. In the summer of 1947, the Buick agency became available. Mr. Hartman formed a corporation, and secured the franchise for the sale of this popular higher-quality car, his agency being established in December, 1947. His sales area is the city of Harrisonburg and Rockingham County. Engaged in the enterprise with him as officials in the firm of Hartman Motor Sales, Inc., are Raymond Hartman, vice-president, and Dan Hartman, secretary.

Mr. Hartman is an enthusiastic aeronaut. He has been flying since he was sixteen years of age, and has a private license to pilot a plane. He

flies his own craft both for business and for pleasure.

He has won recognition and respect in the automotive circles of his region. Mr. Hartman is a member of the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Automobile Dealers Association, was its secretary and treasurer for 1948, and was elected its vice-president for 1949. He is also a member of the Automotive Trade Association of Virginia and of the National Automobile Dealers Association. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce. A communicant of the Chicago Avenue Mennonite Church in Harrisonburg, Mr. Hartman is active in chorister work there, and is a leader in singing, which is another of his hobbies.

At Harrisonburg, Virginia, June 30, 1945, Dwight Wilson Hartman married Ellen Pellman, daughter of Leroy and Elizabeth (Lauver) Pellman, the former of Richfield, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Hartman are the parents of two children, both born in Harrisonburg, Virginia: 1. James Edward, born August 26, 1946. 2. Jean Elizabeth, born October 3, 1949.

Mr. Hartman's address, that of the Hartman Motor Sales, is 202 West Liberty Street, Harrisonburg.

WADE THOMAS ATKINS—The laundry business in the Valley has known the influence and later the leadership of Wade Thomas Atkins for nearly three decades. He is at present a co-partner in the DeLuxe Laundry and Dry Cleaners, 3308 Williamson Road, Roanoke, a firm which has extended its operating territory into a large portion of the Valley. Mr. Atkins has been active in programs aimed at not only the commercial but the cultural development of Roanoke.

He was born at Martinsville on September 7, 1902, the son of Henry G. and Lelia (Hicks) Atkins, the former a manufacturing tobacconist at Martinsville. Graduated from the Martinsville high school in 1921, Wade Atkins entered the laundry business in 1923. His first job was with the Ideal Laundry in Roanoke and he began in the plant as a laundry checker. Later, he was made a salesman, driving a truck. In 1937, he formed a partnership with W. Price Fields and they established the DeLuxe Laundry and Dry Cleaners at their present address in Roanoke, a business constantly growing in volume and prestige. Today they employ approximately seventy-five people and operate seven trucks. By 1949 Mr. Atkins had achieved such leadership in the field as to be elected president of the Roanoke Laundry

and Dry Cleaners Association. He is also active in the Williamson Road Lions Club of Roanoke, the Roanoke Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and such Masonic bodies as the Blue Lodge, the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite and Kazim Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He worships in Calvary Baptist Church, Roanoke. His home is at 3446 Williamson Road.

Mr. Atkins married Martha Lois Jennings, the daughter of Grover Jennings and Grace Hubbard Jennings, in Richmond on April 17, 1930. They are the parents of Wade Thomas Atkins, Jr., born on September 10, 1932, and Betty Lois Atkins, born on January 11, 1935.

HAROLD WATSON HARRIS, JR. — In the coal industry, especially in its retail phases, one of the leading figures in the entire State of Virginia is Shenandoah Valley's Harold Watson Harris, Jr. Son of a man who entered the coal business in 1917, he has operated such an enterprise of his own since 1930. This business is the H. W. Harris Coal and Oil Company of Roanoke.

Mr. Harris was born in Roanoke on October 5, 1905, the son of Harold Watson and Minnie (Adams) Harris. His father was not only a coal merchant but a railroadman, associated first with the Norfolk and Western Railway Company, later with the Virginia Railway. The younger Mr. Harris received his early education in the elementary and high schools of Roanoke, graduating from the Jefferson High School in 1925. He then spent three and one-half years at Roanoke College.

His father had established a coal business, known simply as H. W. Harris, at Roanoke in 1917. This gave the son his introduction to and first experience in retail coal merchandising. In 1930, Mr. Harris, Jr., re-established the business under the name of H. W. Harris Coal Company, in the original location, 705 East Campbell Avenue, Roanoke. In 1950 fuel oil was added to the coal business and the name changed to H. W. Harris Coal and Oil Company. For the year 1949-1950 Mr. Harris was vice-president of the Virginia State Coal Merchants Association. For three years until his election to that office he was a member of the association's board of directors. He is also active in the Optimist Club of Roanoke. His church is the First Presbyterian of Roanoke.

Mr. Harris married Marceil White, the daughter of Benjamin E. and Carrie (Arillian) White,

in Roanoke on October 5, 1930. On the day of his marriage Mr. Harris was twenty-five years old. He and Mrs. Harris have one daughter, Marceil Harris, who was born on May 19, 1933.

JOHN TROUT HANSBROUGH — For four generations the family of which John Trout Hansbrough is a member engaged in saddle making. Mr. Hansbrough himself is thoroughly familiar, from personal experience, with the practices of that trade; but his constructive abilities have also sought other channels, and he has progressed in fields requiring skills not too far different from those of his ancestors. He has engaged successfully in automobile trimming, furniture upholstering, and has proceeded by that route into the interesting and profitable work of interior decorating. This is the line in which his firm, incorporated in 1947 as "John Hansbrough, Interiors," specializes.

Mr. Hansbrough is a native of Roanoke, and was born October 8, 1899, son of Andrew Johnson and Mary Molly (Poteet) Hansbrough. His father, a saddle and harness maker, came from Warrington, Virginia, and moved to Roanoke on the day following the historic Johnstown flood in Pennsylvania. His father and grandfather had likewise been engaged in the making of saddles and harness. John Trout Hansbrough became acquainted with the traditional trade of his family during his early years; but he also obtained a thorough education. After completing his secondary years at St. Andrews School, he entered Columbia University School of Architecture in New York City, and New York City School of Interior Decoration and for two years he took courses in interior decorating. He also studied architectural courses through International Correspondence Schools.

During vacations, and at the conclusion of his formal education, Mr. Hansbrough busied himself in the saddle and harness manufacturing interests with his father, these years covering 1917 to 1921. The family business also concerned itself with the automobile trimming field until the advent of the closed automobile permanently altered the style of upholstery, enabling manufacturers to use less rugged and more luxurious materials in seat construction. At this time, Mr. Hansbrough associated himself with the Norfolk and Western Railway, his thorough knowledge being put to good use in upholstering work. However, from 1922, Mr. Hansbrough was engaged in the up-

holstery business in his own name, on a part-time basis. This venture became increasingly profitable through the years; and in conjunction with the skill he had acquired in the architectural and decorating fields, it became well worth his while to re-enter business in his own name. He has devoted his full time to the interior decorating field since 1946; and in January, 1947, formed the firm under the name John Hansbrough, Interiors.

His venture has proved increasingly successful, and he has received many large contracts, among them extensive decorating for Virginia Polytechnic Institute at Blacksburg, and for the Hotel Roanoke in his home city.

Mr. Hansbrough and his family attend the Roman Catholic Church.

At Roanoke, on October 15, 1932, John Trout Hansbrough married Maroe Hopkins Munsey, daughter of Wiley S. and Frankie (Stratford) Munsey. Mr. and Mrs. Hansbrough are the parents of two children: 1. Andrew Jerry. 2. Jon Jeffry.

Mr. Hansbrough's address is 16 Walnut Avenue, Roanoke.

ROBERT THOMAS SMITH — Through his activities as a road builder Robert Thomas Smith of Roanoke has become a prominent citizen of the South, well known especially in five States. Formerly manager of Virginia operations of Sam Finley, Inc., he is now a vice-president of that company and in charge of its roadbuilding work in Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, West Virginia and Kentucky.

Mr. Smith was born in Oglethorpe County, Georgia, on March 20, 1908, the son of Robert T. Smith, a farmer, and Mary Elizabeth (Algood) Smith. Following his graduation from the Tignall high school at Tignall, Georgia, in 1926, he attended the University of Georgia, Athens, for three years. In 1934 Mr. Smith entered the employ of Sam Finley, Inc. His first job was that of timekeeper at Williamsburg, Virginia. From that job he proceeded to work himself up through various positions to construction superintendent. This was the post he was holding at the time the United States entered World War II. In July, 1942, Mr. Smith became a civilian engineer with the Corps of Engineers, United States Army, and served with the corps on airport construction work in South America and Canada. In October, 1945, following the Japanese surrender, he returned to Sam Finley, Inc. At that time he was made

manager of the Virginia operations of the company. In January, 1949, he was elevated to the vice-presidency and given charge of the territory consisting of Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, West Virginia and Kentucky. Mr. Smith is a member of the American Road Builders Association, the Virginia Road Builders Association, the Carolina Road Builders Association and similar organizations in other states. He is also a member of the Shenandoah Club of Roanoke and the Roanoke Country Club. He worships in Christ Episcopal Church, Roanoke.

He married Marion Lee Wilhoit, the daughter of James N. and Mary Elizabeth (Kite) Wilhoit, at Charlottesville on November 16, 1938, and they are the parents of two children—Robert Thomas Smith, born May 19, 1943, and Richard Lee Smith, born August 23, 1947.

WILLIAM EDWARD COLEMAN—Throughout his active career, William Edward Coleman has been employed in positions of increasing responsibility with the Appalachian Electric Power Company, and is now system superintendent of real estate and right of way at the Roanoke office. Mr. Coleman is identified with the Chamber of Commerce of that city.

Mr. Coleman is a native of Alderson, West Virginia. He was born May 20, 1910, son of Elmo Armstead and Ida Earnest (Oakes) Coleman. Elmo A. Coleman, who was a salesman by occupation, served with the 174th Regiment during World War I. This was a National Guard outfit originating in Buffalo, New York, where the elder Mr. Coleman had made his home. Indeed, during the school days of William E. Coleman, the family resided in Buffalo, and he first attended elementary schools there. He completed his grades at Roanoke, and graduated from the William Byrd High School in Vinton, Virginia, in 1929. Mr. Coleman has augmented his education with extension courses from the University of Virginia, in the fields of law and English.

Mr. Coleman's continuous record with his company dates from 1929. He was previously associated with that company, June, 1926, through September, 1928, in the capacity of draftsman in the engineering and construction department in Roanoke. When he returned to the company's employ in 1929, he began as draftsman; and his record since that time is as follows: draftsman supervisor, October, 1936; abstract clerk, January, 1939; real estate supervisor, January 1942; as-

sistant manager of the real estate and right of way department, October, 1944; acting assistant superintendent, real estate and right of way department, March, 1945; assistant system superintendent of the same department, April, 1947; system superintendent of real estate and right of way, from June, 1948, to the present time.

Mr. Coleman is a member of the Hidden Valley Country Club, and a communicant of the Calvary Baptist Church of Roanoke.

At Vinton, Virginia, December 25, 1929, William Edward Coleman married Rachael Virginia Smith, daughter of Samuel Henry and Mary Lilly (Boley) Smith.

Mr. Coleman's business address is 2522 Richelieu Avenue, Southwest, Roanoke.

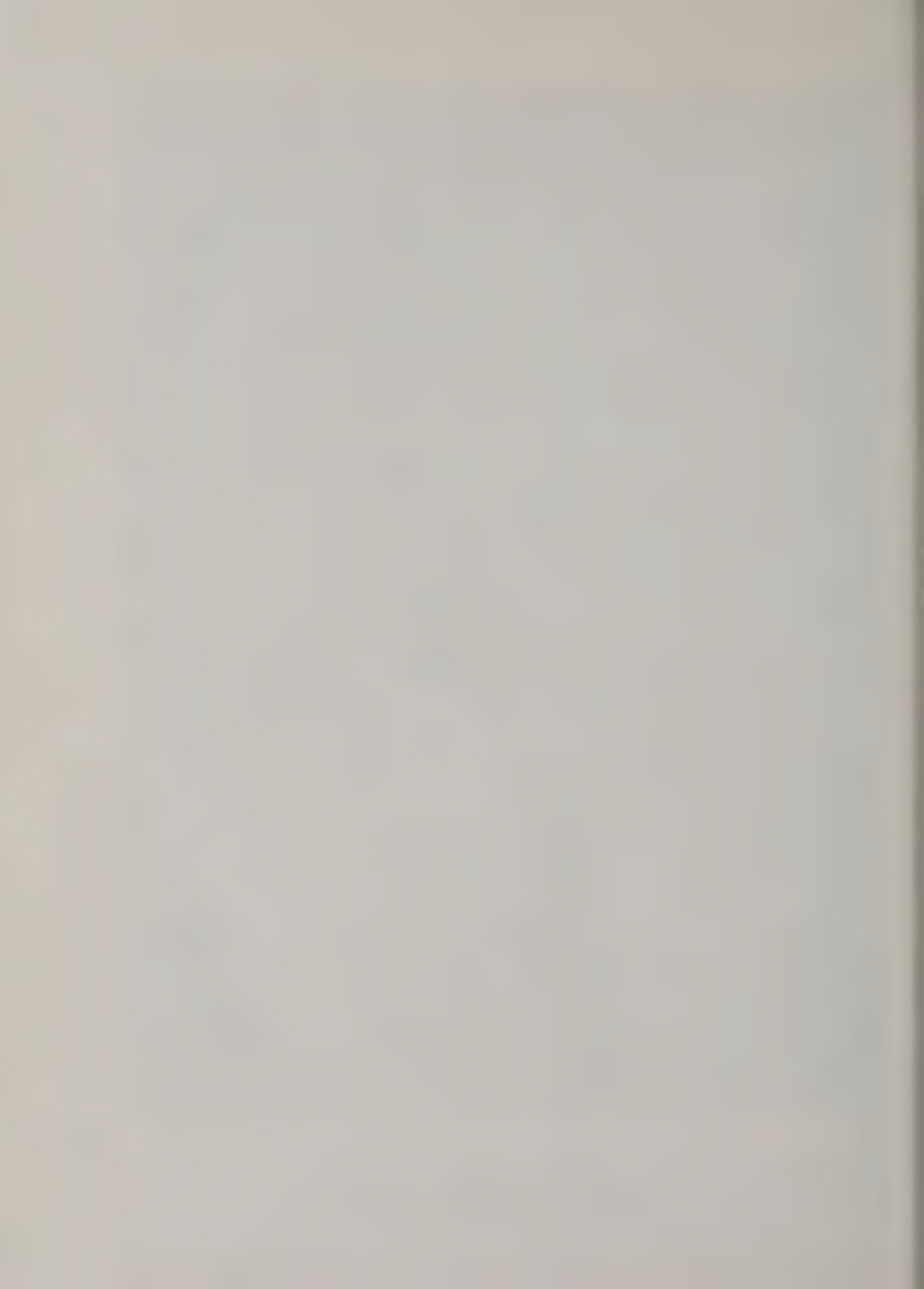
SHIELDS JOHNSON—Since graduating from college, Shields Johnson has been associated with "The Roanoke Times" and "The Roanoke World-News," in various capacities, in more recent years serving as general manager and secretary of the Times-World Corporation, in Roanoke. A native Virginian, born at Montvale, Bedford County, on August 6, 1911, he is a son of Howard Wise and Annie Cabbell (Higginbotham) Johnson.

After being graduated from the Jefferson High School, Roanoke, in 1927, he matriculated at Roanoke College, Salem, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts with the class of 1931. Identified with several extra-curricular activities as an undergraduate, he is a member of "Blue Key" National honor fraternity, Tau Kappa Alpha, forensic fraternity, and Kappa Alpha fraternity (Southern). Mr. Johnson also pursued business administration courses, majoring in accountancy, with the Kennett School of Commerce, now Virginia Southern College.

In July, 1931, Shields Johnson joined "The Roanoke World-News," as a reporter, and continued in several capacities until 1941 when he became assistant to the general manager of the Times-World Corporation. During the following five years he was successively assistant general manager, treasurer, business manager, and since 1946 has been general manager and secretary of this important company. In Roanoke, Mr. Johnson has an established reputation as a businessman, civic minded in the support of progressive community measures and projects, and as a popular clubman. During World War II, he served on the War Finance Committee of Roanoke, and was actively identified with a number of civilian en-



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deavors of the city. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias, and his memberships include those in the Roanoke Rotary Club and the Roanoke Country Club. He attends the Calvary Baptist Church.

CHARLES C. BOVA—Behind the highly successful business known today as C. C. Bova and Company, with all Southwest Virginia its operating territory, is a hard but aggressive struggle on the part of its owner, Charles C. Bova. In Roanoke since his childhood, Mr. Bova has made that city the headquarters of numerous activities. He is not only a wholesaler in the fruit and vegetable field, but also an orchardist growing the famous Shenandoah Valley apples and peaches and, in addition, the distributor in three counties of Anheuser-Busch beer and other products. His work for the United States Army in World War II brought him the Award of Merit.

Mr. Bova was born in Buffalo, New York, on April 4, 1899, the son of Frank and Angelina (Bellisimo) Bova. His father, who worked with the Norfolk and Western Railway Company for years until 1911 as a car biller, later conducted a shoe repair shop in Roanoke. In 1920, he joined his son in the fruit and vegetable business and has been active in the Bova enterprises ever since. Charles C. Bova was educated in the Belmont Public School, Roanoke. In 1917 he began what has since proved to be a highly successful struggle to make a success of his life and a contribution to his adopted Valley, and for the next three years he was a peddler, with horse and wagon, of fruits and vegetables. In 1920, he opened a store, also in Roanoke, in which he handled fruit on a wholesale and retail basis, his father helping him. By 1926 he had become so successful that he was able to give up the retail end of the business, and since then the company has operated exclusively in the wholesale trade, serving all of Southwest Virginia.

In 1943 Mr. Bova became an orchardist, and he now has four orchards—two peach and two apple—or a total of 250 acres in production. In 1950, he was developing additional acreage. In 1929, he began distributing Anheuser-Busch products in Roanoke and Botetourt counties. Since 1933 he has been full distributor for this company in the City of Roanoke, Roanoke County, Montgomery and Floyd counties. In World War II, he supplied numerous Army camps in the South with large volumes of fruits and vegetables and for

meritorious services to the Army received the special award.

Himself the father of two boys, Mr. Bova has long worked on the behalf of boys in Roanoke and today he is chairman of the group which sponsors Troop No. 9, Boy Scouts of America, at his church, St. Andrew's Roman Catholic, Roanoke. He is a member of the Optimist Club of Roanoke, the United Commercial Travelers and the Knights of Columbus.

On October 9, 1922, Mr. Bova married Pearl Ann Dunmon, the daughter of Will and Lucy Ann (Hartman) Dunmon. Their two sons are Frank William Bova, born August 10, 1923, and Earl Rudolph Bova, born June 11, 1929.

JOSEPH C. KEITH—A firm which has made a record for achievement in peace or war is the White Foundry Company, Inc., of Roanoke. This has been operated by Joseph C. Keith and his father since 1930. The father is president of the company, the son secretary and treasurer. In World War II the firm shipped its products into many foreign stations of the armed forces and to the United Nations, and even supplied researchers with essential materials in the atomic bomb development.

Joseph C. Keith was born in Roanoke on December 24, 1913. His father, Laban E. Keith, was with the signal department of the Norfolk and Western Railway Company before entering the foundry business. The mother is the former Georgia Alma Jones. Joseph Keith was graduated from the Jefferson High School, in Roanoke, in 1933, and spent one year at the University of Virginia. He also studied at National Business College, Roanoke, and for two years spent his nights taking the courses in foundry and related types of work given by the International Correspondence Schools. When he was seventeen he and his father took over the White Foundry Company, Inc., and in the years they have operated the plant its capacity has increased two hundred per cent. From the outset, the elder Mr. Keith has been president, the son secretary-treasurer, but they share responsibility in all phases of the operations. They make ornamental castings of all kinds, and work in gray iron, bronze, aluminum castings and safety treads. They have shipped to Iceland, Alaska, Honolulu, South America and France, and also to the atomic bomb laboratories at Los Alamos, New Mexico. Their World War II contracts were extremely heavy.

Mr. Keith belongs to the Gray Iron Founders, the American Foundrymen's Society, the Roanoke Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Masonic order, the Optimist Club of Roanoke and the Hidden Valley Country Club. He is a charter member of the last-named.

Joseph C. Keith and Eva Jane Doughman, daughter of William and Marguerite Doughman, were married in Washington County in March, 1940. They have a daughter, Joanna Doughman Keith, who was born on January 21, 1941.

JAMES LOWRY WHITE—Among those serving the Appalachian Electric Power Company in Roanoke in an executive capacity, it seems to be a common characteristic to have entered the firm immediately on graduation or shortly thereafter and to have served it loyally ever since. One of those is James Lowry White, district manager at the Roanoke office. Mr. White's valuable services have, however, been placed at the disposal of his city and county in wartime; and he has taken a leading role in civic welfare, and club and fraternal activities.

Mr. White was born at Abingdon, Virginia, on January 7, 1903, and is a son of William Young Conn and Harriet (Harris) White. His father, who was a farmer by occupation, served his community as clerk of the court. He also served as a member of the Virginia Legislature. In his native Abingdon, James Lowry White attended elementary schools, and he graduated from William King High School in 1921. Continuing his studies at Virginia Military Institute, he devoted his attention to electrical engineering, and graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science in that subject in 1925. During 1925-1926, he attended the General Electric Company's test courses in his field, at Schenectady, New York.

Mr. White entered the employ of the Appalachian Electric Power Company at Lynchburg, Virginia, in 1926, in the capacity of junior engineer; and the next March he was transferred to Roanoke as distribution engineer. He has been there since, advancing steadily in responsibility. He was made assistant manager two years after his arrival in that city, in 1929; and has filled the post of district manager since 1940.

During World War II, James L. White served in the Civilian Defense program, being placed in charge of utilities for the county. He is a director of the Roanoke Hospital Association, which is a group member of the National Blue Cross As-

sociation, and he is a member, and former member of the board of directors, of the Rotary Club of Roanoke. Other club affiliations are with the Shenandoah Club, the Roanoke Country Club, and with the Roanoke German Club which is the oldest social club in the state of Virginia. Fraternally, Mr. White is identified with the Southern branch of Kappa Alpha. He and his family attend St. John's Episcopal Church.

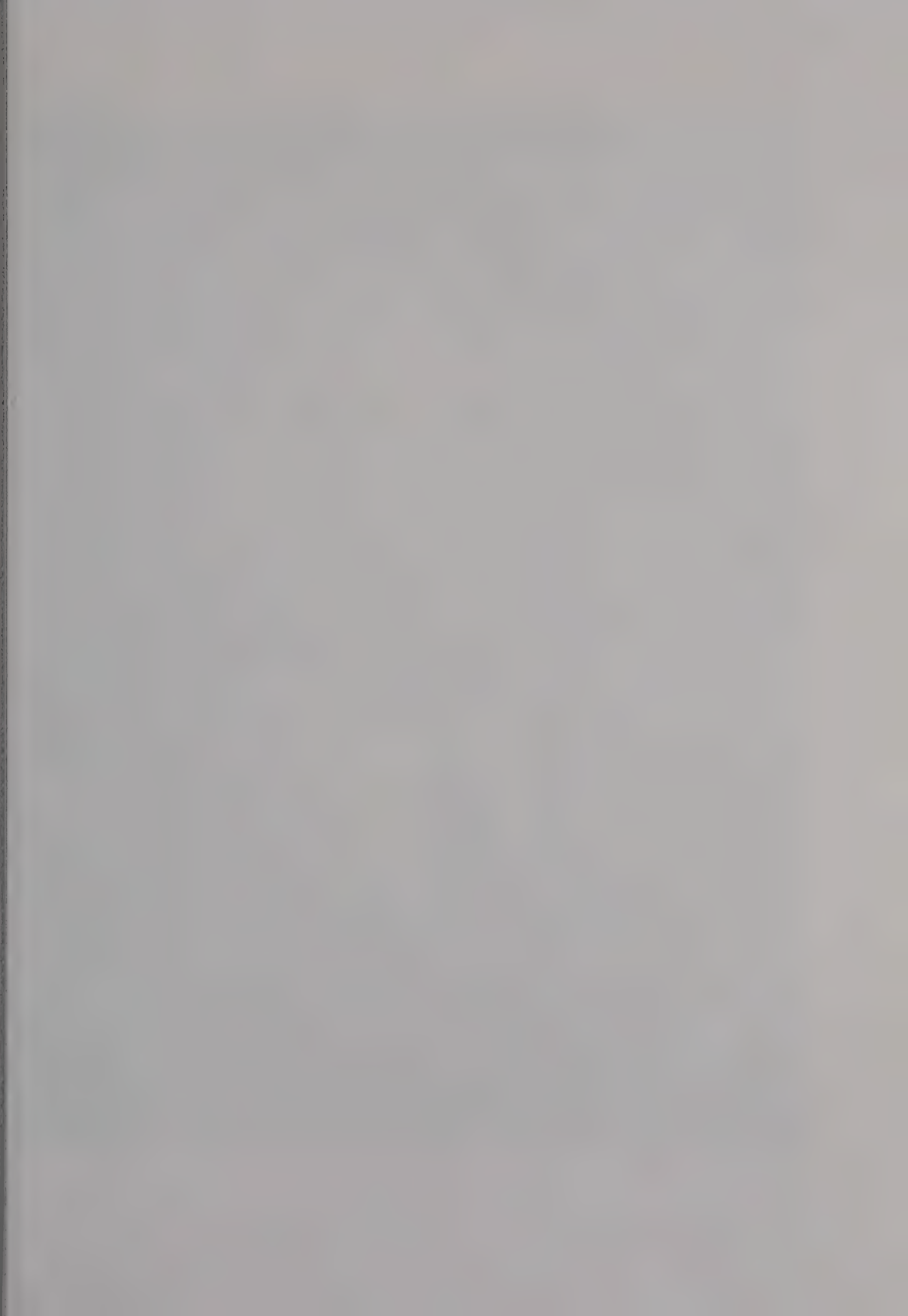
At Roanoke, Virginia, November 24, 1934, James Lowry White married Clare Norton Stone, daughter of Alvah and Martha (Norton) Stone. Mr. and Mrs. White are the parents of two children: 1. Martha Norton, born November 26, 1935. 2. Clare Stone, born January 21, 1940.

EDWARD PORTER GOUGH—Widely known in Virginia business circles, Edward Porter Gough is a partner in Roanoke Frosted Foods. He has been engaged in frosted foods distribution since 1946, and his commercial experience includes many years of service along other lines.

Mr. Gough was born May 9, 1914, in Boonville, Indiana, son of Roger D. and Margaret Mozelle (Porter) Gough. His father was a lawyer in Boonville, and was an army captain during World War I. Grade and high schools of Roanoke provided Edward Porter Gough's early education and he was graduated from Jefferson High School in 1933. He then became a student at Roanoke College where he received the degree of Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in 1937.

His first employment, begun in that year, was with the Gulf Oil Corporation. He was engaged in the distribution of oil until he joined the navy in 1941. He was employed for six months, after World War II, with the Veterans' Administration in Roanoke, then went into his present work in the distribution of frozen foods. As a partner in Roanoke Frosted Foods, Mr. Gough operates in a territory embracing Roanoke, Lynchburg and southwestern Virginia.

He is a member of the National Wholesale Frozen Food Distributors, and takes a deep interest in the general affairs of his industry. His work in the navy during World War II began in October, 1941, when he became an ensign at Little Creek, Virginia. He was assigned to the U.S.S. "Flicker" as commanding officer, with the rank of lieutenant, and saw service with that vessel, which was a mine sweeper, in the waters off Brazil. Next he attended a Naval Mine Warfare School at





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Yorktown, after which he returned to the mine sweeping base at Little Creek. There he was assistant to the commander of mine sweepers, with the rank of lieutenant commander, until honorably discharged in February, 1946. Among his other activities, Mr. Gough is a member of Greene Memorial Methodist Church, in Roanoke.

Edward Porter Gough married, October 14, 1943, at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Lela Louise Startin, daughter of Guy and Rosa (Eisenlohr) Startin. They became the parents of Margaret Jean Gough, born November 5, 1945.

BENJAMIN GARY RICHARDSON—As president of Modern Floors, Inc., Benjamin Gary Richardson occupies a position of leadership and distinction in this branch of industry. His contribution to Roanoke and vicinity has been outstanding, earning for him wide respect and admiration.

Mr. Richardson was born January 4, 1906, in Roanoke, Virginia, son of Charles J. and Ida May (Layman) Richardson. His father was for years a mail carrier.

Elementary and high schools in Roanoke furnished Benjamin Gary Richardson's early formal education, and he was graduated from Jefferson High School here in 1922. He began his business career as an electrician with the Engleby Electric Company, in Roanoke, with whom he continued for about three years. He was then in the mailing department of the Ford Motor Company, in Detroit, and subsequently spent two years as publisher's representative with the Butterick Publishing Company. Afterward he was with the Continental Car-na-Var Corporation until 1935, when he founded the Modern Floor Finishing Company in Roanoke. Later he incorporated this business in August, 1947, as Modern Floors, Inc., of which he is president down to the time of writing.

In addition to his work with this company and his interest in the flooring industry, Mr. Richardson is chairman of the organization and extension committee of the Roanoke District organization of the Boy Scouts of America. The work of Roanoke Council has particularly concerned him, and he has served since 1945 as assistant scoutmaster of Troop No. 21. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias and the Distinguished Order of Knights of Khorassan. He belongs to Greene Methodist Church, in Roanoke.

Benjamin Gary Richardson married, July 4, 1930, in Indianapolis, Indiana, Muriel Madill, daughter

of George and Grace (Vogt) Madill. They became the parents of a son, Boyer Gary Richardson, born November 8, 1931.

CARL GROVE SHOWALTER—One of the younger business and professional men of Broadway, Rockingham County, Virginia, Carl Grove Showalter is one of the many natives of the Shenandoah Valley who have found opportunity to make the most of their abilities and ambitions in this wonderful section of the State. He was born on a farm near Broadway, on March 15, 1911, son of H. D. H. and Flora M. (Grove) Showalter. His father, a prominent citizen active in civic life, is a retired agriculturalist, now a director of the National Bank of Harrisonburg, and identified with other enterprises. A devout member of the Trissels Mennonite Church, he is very much to the fore, serving on its building committee and likewise with religious and charitable works.

Carl Grove Showalter was encouraged to acquire a sound education, and after being graduated from Broadway high school, class of 1928, and from the Junior College of the Eastern Mennonite College, at Harrisonburg, for his professional training he entered the Medical College of Virginia, at Richmond, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy, in 1932. He returned to Broadway in that same year and took over the long-established George S. Aldhizer Pharmacy that was founded as long ago as 1885. It eventually became known as Aldhizer and Son, but under its new owner the title was changed to the Broadway Drug Store. Under the trained and expert direction of the new proprietor a constant expansion has been recorded, and in 1950 the store was enlarged to twice its original size. Services rendered by the firm have been broadened far beyond the conception of the original owners.

Mr. Showalter has not been content with the successful operation of a single enterprise; he is vice-president of the M. C. Showalter Company, Inc., dealers in feeds and poultry supplies, and is likewise vice-president of the First National Bank of Broadway. In local affairs he is a member of the Rockingham County School Board, and along professional lines belongs to the American Pharmaceutical Association and the Virginia Pharmaceutical Association. As a member of the Trissels Mennonite Church, said to be the oldest established congregation in the Shenandoah Val-

ley, he is active on the building committee and identified with charitable and religious projects.

At Norristown, Pennsylvania, Carl Grove Showalter married Louise M. Mensch, daughter of A. B. Mensch. Mr. and Mrs. Showalter are the parents of three sons: 1. Carl Robert, born July 12, 1938. 2. Donald Eugene, born February 23, 1941. 3. Nelson Lee, born March 19, 1944.

PAUL PRESTON CORNETT—To the Southern States Cooperative, Paul Preston Cornett has brought the benefit of a wide range of business experience. He now serves as wholesale branch manager of this organization, centering his activities in Roanoke and serving the whole of southwestern Virginia and a small portion of West Virginia.

Mr. Cornett was born August 9, 1914, in Grayson County, Virginia, son of David Arthur and Virginia (Martin) Cornett. His father, a farmer in that county for many years, has also rendered valuable public service, notably as chairman of the election board and in connection with political affairs and the schools.

Paul Preston Cornett attended elementary and high schools in his native county, and was for a time a student at Oak Hill Baptist Academy, where he completed his studies in 1933. He also had a two-year course in business administration at Bluefield Business College, in West Virginia. In 1936 he became associated with the American Agricultural Chemical Company, in Alexandria, Virginia, as a sales representative, covering the entire southwestern Virginia territory, with headquarters in Wytheville, Wythe County, this State. In 1941 he came to the Southern States Cooperative as a retail store manager at Amelia. Two years later he was made district manager, with headquarters in Roanoke. Then, in 1946, Mr. Cornett was promoted to wholesale branch manager of this organization, which serves southwestern Virginia and a small portion of West Virginia.

In a variety of ways Mr. Cornett has participated in the life of Roanoke and its people and institutions. He belongs to the Loyal Order of Moose, in Roanoke. He is superintendent of the Sunday school of Woodlawn Methodist Church, in this community, and is a member of the Young Men's Club of his church.

Paul Preston Cornett married, July 11, 1938, in Galax, Virginia, Alma Sumner, daughter of Martin D. and Francena (Payne) Sumner. They became the parents of a son, James Preston Cornett, born October 1, 1941.

THOMAS JACKSON HUMPHRIES, M.D.—

Carrying on an extensive practice of medicine in Roanoke, Dr. Thomas Jackson Humphries has distinguished himself as founder of the Children's Clinic, in this city.

Dr. Humphries was born May 30, 1914, in Culpeper County, Virginia, son of John William and Lorena (Garrison) Humphries. His father before him was a physician in Culpeper County. The grandfather on the paternal side of the house, J. R. P. Humphries, was a captain in the War Between the States under Stonewall Jackson. He was a cadet at Virginia Military Institute in his early youth.

Graded and high schools in Culpeper County provided Dr. Thomas Jackson Humphries' early formal education. Graduated from high school in 1931, he studied for three years at Hampden-Sydney College, in this state, then took up his medical work at the Medical School of the University of Virginia, where he was graduated as a Doctor of Medicine in 1938. He served an internship at Union Memorial Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland, in 1938 and 1939, then was active in a similar capacity at the University of Virginia Hospital between 1939 and 1941, while specializing there in pediatrics. In June, 1941, he entered upon his own private practice of his profession in Roanoke in association with Dr. E. B. Neal (q.v.). After years of collaboration, they became partners in January, 1946. When rental conditions became such that they were unable to obtain quarters adequate to their needs, they solved the situation by purchasing their own building—a decision which was a stroke of good luck to the Roanoke community, in as much as they used this building as a center wherein to found the Children's Clinic, widely known today for its useful work throughout this region of Virginia.

In addition to his work with this clinic, which started operations in August, 1947, Dr. Humphries has interested himself in a wide range of community activities. He is a member of the Roanoke Academy of Medicine, of which he was secretary-treasurer in 1948 and 1949; the Southwestern Medical Society; the Virginia Pediatric Society; the American Medical Association; the Phi Beta Pi medical fraternity; the honorary society of Omicron Delta Kappa, of which he was elected president; and other groups. He is a member of the Kiwanis Club of Roanoke, the Kappa Alpha fraternity, the Roanoke Country Club and the Raleigh Court Presbyterian Church. In his student days he was made president of the student body at Hampden-Sydney in 1934. Dr. Humphries' serv-

ice to his country during World War II was noteworthy. Entering the Army Medical Corps in May of 1942 with a first lieutenant's commission, he was assigned to the Italian Theatre of Operations, centering his activities in Rome, the Po Valley and Cassini. He spent two years overseas until honorably discharged in November, 1945, with the rank of lieutenant colonel. He received the Bronze Star, with citation, from the Italian Government, for his work among Italian children during and after the war, and remembers with affection and interest the Desanzano Pediatric Clinic, where he did much of his work in that connection. He was attached to the Eighty-eighth Infantry Division.

Dr. Thomas Jackson Humphries married, May 9, 1942, in Roanoke, Virginia, Dorothy Glenn, daughter of Myrl and Clara (Jennings) Glenn. They became the parents of three children: 1. Dorothy Glenn, born March 19, 1943. 2. Thomas Jackson, Jr., born October 21, 1947. 3. John William, born March 14, 1950.

EDWARD BERKELEY NEAL, M.D.—Long active in the practice of medicine, Dr. Edward Berkeley Neal has centered his work in Roanoke, where he has been associated since 1941 with Dr. Thomas Jackson Humphries (q.v.).

Dr. Neal was born November 14, 1906, in Sutherlin, Virginia, son of William Edward and Pearl Ann (Chaney) Neal. His father was a merchant.

Virginia public schools provided Edward Berkeley Neal's early education through the high school grades. He was graduated in 1922 from Danville High School, then spent two years at the University of Richmond, afterward taking his medical work at the School of Medicine of Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia, where he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1929. Between 1929 and 1931 he was an intern at Grady Hospital, then had further studies at New York Post Graduate Hospital, continuing through 1935. Meanwhile, in 1931, he started his own private practice in Emporia, Virginia, in association with Dr. Moses H. Treadway. Until 1934 he was so engaged. After returning from New York, Dr. Neal began his practice in Roanoke in April, 1936. Here he was joined by Dr. Humphries in July, 1941. Both men have done a great deal of work in pediatrics, mainly through the Children's Clinic, founded in August, 1947, which has become one of Roanoke's outstanding health institutions.

Dr. Neal is a member of the Virginia Pediatric Society, of which he was secretary from 1947 to 1949; the Southwestern Virginia Medical Society, Roanoke Academy of Medicine and the American Medical Association. He also belongs to the Rotary Club, the Shenandoah Club, the Roanoke Country Club and the Farmington Country Club (Charlottesville). During World War II, Dr. Neal was active in the Army Medical Corps, which he entered as a captain in June, 1942, serving until mustered out as a major on May 28, 1946. He was assigned to both the African and European theatres of operations, and was stationed at the Sixty-fourth Station Hospital. Dr. Neal is a member of St. John's Episcopal Church, Roanoke.

Dr. Edward Berkeley Neal married, May 20, 1932, in Douglas, Georgia, Ethel Dickerson, daughter of M. D. and Ethel (Frank) Dickerson. Her father was a lawyer and judge.

JAMES GARNETT HARVEY—Division Personnel Supervisor of the Appalachian Electric Power Company in Roanoke, James Garnett Harvey has served that concern loyally and ably for about a quarter of a century. Beginning in local accounting, his advance in responsibility has been commensurate with ability and conscientious service. He has served his community in both peace and wartime, and is a popular figure in local organizations.

Mr. Harvey was born May 10, 1903, in Princeton, West Virginia, and is a son of James Floyd and Gillie Ann (Gunn) Harvey. James Floyd Harvey followed the trade of barbering. James Garnett Harvey began his education in the elementary schools of Roanoke, Virginia, whither the family had moved in his early years. He had two years of preparatory school at Blackstone Military Academy, Blackstone, Virginia, and two years of college studies at the same institution. He graduated from Blackstone Military Academy in 1924. Since that time he has furthered his preparation along the lines of his interest through courses at the University of Virginia Extension School.

Beginning his business career with the Norfolk and Western Railway during 1924-1925, Mr. Harvey was employed in the capacity of clerk by that railway. He then became a salesman for the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, but remained on his routes only during the years 1925-1926. Since that time, Mr. Harvey has been identified with the present firm. He entered in the capacity of clerk in local accounting in 1926;

was promoted to office manager in 1930; became administrative assistant to the division manager January 1, 1947; and assumed his present position as division personnel supervisor as of April 1, 1949.

During the difficult years of World War II, Mr. Harvey rendered able and unselfish service to his city as member of the gasoline rationing board of Roanoke City. He is a member, and past director, of the Kiwanis Club of Roanoke, and a member of the Roanoke Country Club. He belongs also to Virginia Heights Lodge, No. 324, of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, in Roanoke. Mr. Harvey and his family worship at the Virginia Heights Baptist Church.

At Roanoke, on December 18, 1926, James Garnett Harvey married Esther Ann Phelps, daughter of William Andrew and Lelia Hill (Maxwell) Phelps. Mr. and Mrs. Harvey have two children: 1. Molly Ann, born June 20, 1934. 2. James Garnett, II, born November 16, 1939.

Mr. Harvey's home address is 1840 Westover Avenue, Southwest, Roanoke.

BITTLE WILSON PORTERFIELD, JR.—Operating a wholesale beer and wine distributing business in Roanoke, Bittle Wilson Porterfield, Jr., has built up the Porterfield Distributing Company to a position of high standing in the business life of the Shenandoah Valley.

Mr. Porterfield was born December 23, 1907, in Pembroke, Virginia, son of Bittle Wilson and Anabel (Lucas) Porterfield. His father was engaged in farming in Giles County.

In the schools of that county, Bittle Wilson Porterfield, Jr., received his formal education, being graduated from Pembroke High School in 1926. Until 1933 he was employed by Mack Stores, serving as store manager and assistant buyer. In 1935 he became associated with the Globe Brewing Company in Baltimore, acting as a traveling representative in Washington, D. C., and throughout the state of Virginia until his resignation in March, 1943. In July, 1943, he opened his own business, known as Porterfield Distributing Company, in Roanoke. From his quarters on Williamson Road, this city, he moved to Nos. 123-127 Norfolk Street. Later the company built its own building at No. 1354 Eighth Street, Wasena, Roanoke, where it still has its headquarters.

Mr. Porterfield is a member and vice-president of the Virginia Malt Beverage Association and

the National Beer Wholesalers Association. In 1947 he was president of the Roanoke Beer and Wine Wholesale Association. He is a member of the Optimist Club, the Hidden Valley Country Club, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Christian Church. His wife is a Methodist.

Bittle Wilson Porterfield, Jr., married January 20, 1941, in Kingsport, Tennessee, Margaret Rice, daughter of L. L. and Sally (Williamson) Rice. Mr. and Mrs. Porterfield became the parents of two children: 1. Chapman Lawrence, born October 27, 1941. 2. Bittle Wilson III, born March 15, 1944.

RALPH MILLER HOOVER—Always actively interested in the poultry industry, Ralph Miller Hoover, of Timberville, Virginia, has developed his hatchery from a modest enterprise to the present concern, which has an annual output of six to eight hundred thousand chicks and one hundred thousand turkey poults and employs thirteen persons. Known as the Timberville Hatchery, it produces baby chicks and turkey poults, and does considerable custom hatching. Mr. Hoover has also been active in other agricultural enterprises. Since 1946 he has been mayor of Timberville.

He is a native of the area which has been the scene of his career, having been born one and a half miles east of Timberville on August 9, 1897, on the farm which has been the home of the Hoover family since the middle of the Eighteenth Century. His great-great-grandfather, Jacob Huber, settled in the Shenandoah Valley in 1786. His father, William C. Hoover, was a dairy farmer, and was endowed with a variety of abilities. As a minister, he covered territory through the Valley of Virginia and the West Virginia hills, and he was a member of the Virginia state legislature from 1920 until 1924, when he died. His early agricultural enterprises consisted of grain farming and feeding cattle, until 1912, when he established himself as a dairy farmer. Also interested in commercial enterprises, William C. Hoover was the proprietor of a meat market in Timberville. He was a large man, weighing four hundred and twenty-five pounds, and he had a cousin who considerably exceeded this weight, tipping the scales at six hundred and thirty pounds. William C. Hoover married Maggie Miller, who became the mother of Ralph Miller Hoover.

Beginning his education in the grammar schools of Rockingham County, Ralph Miller Hoover



Ralph M. Hoover



Helen H. Hoover

graduated from high school in Timberville in 1915. He then entered Blue Ridge College at New Windsor, Maryland, where he was in residence for a period of one year, after which he transferred to Bridgewater College, at Bridgewater, Virginia.

As a young man, Mr. Hoover had shown his interest in poultry and hatcheries, and he bought his first incubator in 1922, which he operated in the basement of his home on his father's farm. He later, in 1925, bought property in Timberville and built his first broiler plant, with a capacity of approximately 4000 broilers. In 1928 he moved his incubator from his father's farm into the basement of the broiler building in Timberville. It is interesting to compare this initial effort with his present hatchery capacity of a hundred and sixty thousand eggs. He literally started his enterprise on a shoestring, financially speaking. From that time, until her death, Mrs. Hoover was no less interested than her husband in the operations of the Timberville Hatchery.

In 1930, Mr. Hoover accepted an appointment as poultry inspector for the state of Virginia, and this post he retained until 1943. His own hatchery is a United States and Virginia approved hatchery, and has withstood rigid tests for the quality of its production. After 1942, Mr. Hoover disposed of all his used incubators, and installed new equipment with one hundred and sixty thousand capacity. His enterprise has been continually expanding, and he is now the proprietor of a warehouse and feed mill and chicken breeding plant. His establishment has the best of modern equipment, including heated laying and brooder houses. He also owns a feed business which "contract feeds" several thousand turkeys and thirty to forty thousand broilers throughout his area.

For three and a half years to the time of writing, Mr. Hoover has been mayor of Timberville, having been first elected in 1946. He is a Democrat in his politics, and has served his party as a member of the county committee since 1924, when he replaced his father in that post. He has also distinguished himself in his community through his hospital work in behalf of the crippled, which he has undertaken as a part of the Shriners' program for these handicapped persons. As a Mason, Mr. Hoover has risen to the thirty-second degree, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and is a member of Acca Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, in whose magazine, "The Accalette", a personality feature concerning his family appeared in the winter of 1949. He is vice-president of the Staunton Shrine Club.

As a poultryman, Mr. Hoover is a member of the largest state association of his occupational colleagues in the world, the Virginia State Poultry Federation, and he is a member of its board of directors. He belongs also to the Virginia Baby Chicks Association, of which he is a past president and secretary-treasurer. He is a member of the Ruritan Club and is a communicant of the Church of the Brethren at Timberville.

At McGaheysville, Virginia, August 4, 1921, Ralph Miller Hoover married Helen Hopkins, who died December 4, 1947, and is buried at Timberville. Mrs. Hoover was the daughter of J. Luther and Grace (Lambert) Hopkins. Her father's family home was "Cave Hill", while the Lambert family was seated at "Sunnyside". Both of these locations are in Rockingham County. Mr. and Mrs. Hoover became the parents of two children: 1. Ralph Miller, Jr., born August 30, 1924. 2. Betty Lee, born May 16, 1927.

JOHN ANDREW BEODDY—Identified with the Norfolk and Western Railway since 1904, John Andrew Beoddy has made his name well known among railroad men during his long career, and is past chairman of the signal section of the Association of American Railroads. Long a resident of Roanoke, Mr. Beoddy is a particularly active and popular figure in the fraternal life of that Virginia city.

He is a native of Madison County, Ohio, born February 27, 1887, and the son of a railroad man, Frederic C. Beoddy, who was a car inspector with the Norfolk and Western, and his wife Frances (Roush) Beoddy. In the elementary and high schools of Waverly, Ohio, John Andrew Beoddy received his early education, and graduated in 1904. He continued his education through correspondence courses in mechanical drafting and electrical engineering, preparing himself for a career in railroading.

Mr. Beoddy associated himself with Norfolk and Western in 1904, as draftsman with the signal department in Roanoke. During 1906-1907 he was signal foreman; and he was advanced in the latter year to supervisor of signals, holding that position until 1911. For twenty-six years thereafter, Mr. Beoddy served in the vital capacity of general signal inspector. In 1937, he became assistant superintendent of signals; and since 1942 he has held the position of superintendent of telegraph and signals.

Long a member of the Association of American

Railroads, John A. Beoddy was elected chairman of the Signal Section of that organization, serving in that office during 1948. He is affiliated with the Blue Lodge of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and with the Chapter, Royal Arch Masons. Mr. Beoddy and his family attend the First Christian Church.

In Roanoke, October 2, 1912, John Andrew Beoddy married Anne Shelton, daughter of Francis Marion and Matilda (Motley) Shelton. Mr. and Mrs. Beoddy are the parents of two children: 1. John Andrew, Jr., born June 26, 1917. 2. Joanna, born June 3, 1922; she married Dr. Glenn H. Richmond of Charlottesville, Virginia.

BURNETT HYDE McKEEVER—In the background of Burnett Hyde McKeever, superintendent of the meter department of the Appalachian Electric Power Company is a breadth of experience that has been a significant factor in his present post. Born at the turn of the century, he interrupted his college studies to enter the United States Armed Forces in World War I, and after being separated from the Army was variously employed prior to 1924 when he became identified with the above power corporation. In personal affairs he is a high degree Mason, and a supporter of worthwhile civic and charitable projects in Roanoke.

Born at Rockbridge Baths, in the scenically remarkable Rockbridge County, Virginia, on February 16, 1900, Burnett Hyde McKeever is the son of Charles Hyde and Frances Virginia (Conner) McKeever. Raised on his father's farm in Rockbridge County, he attended the public schools, was graduated from the Brownsburg High School in 1917, and then entered Davidson College, Davidson, North Carolina, but left in his sophomore year to join the United States Army for service during World War I. Assigned for officer's training to the Students Army Training Corps, at Washington and Lee University, he was still far from the battlefield overseas when he received his honorable discharge late in 1918.

Mr. McKeever entered the employ of the Roanoke Railway and Electric Company on August 25, 1924, and started learning the art of meter testing. This determined his future for he continued with this work after the merger into the Appalachian Electric Power Company and won promotion to the post of assistant superintendent of the meter department, and was promoted to superintendent in 1949. Along the way he improved

his knowledge of his business by correspondence courses, and night studies in the National Business College, Roanoke. As already indicated, a favorite personal interest of Mr. McKeever is the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he is a member of Virginia Heights Lodge; the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, in which he holds the thirty-second degree, and he is a member of the Kazim Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and member of the patrol association. He attends the West End Presbyterian Church, where he is elder and superintendent of the Sunday school.

On June 21, 1924, at Hagerstown, Maryland, Burnett Hyde McKeever married Sallie Bell Lunsford, daughter of H. T. and Rosa Bell (Fultz) Lunsford. Mr. and Mrs. McKeever are the parents of two sons: 1. Burnett Hyde, Jr., born February 14, 1930. 2. Charles Hamilton, born January 16, 1935.

HARRY GORDON LEWIS—It is with a wide background in business affairs that Harry Gordon Lewis has come to the Cunningham-Lewis Corporation, which he now heads, and which has devoted itself to the development of rock wool insulation.

Mr. Lewis was born July 30, 1889, in Naola, Amherst County, Virginia, son of Howard Ruben and Rosa Belle (Cunningham) Lewis. His father was a teacher and farmer in Amherst County, where he also served as land assessor. Amherst and Campbell County schools furnished Harry Gordon Lewis' early formal education, and after completion of his high school studies he entered upon his business career. When only seventeen years old, he was an office boy with the Thornhill Wagon Company, having accepted employment with them on September 15, 1906, at \$3 per week. That company was situated in Lynchburg, where he remained until 1921. When he was with the company for four years, at the age of twenty-one, Mr. Lewis was made a director of the organization. At the age of twenty-eight years, in 1917, he was chosen to be vice-president. After 1921 he was variously engaged for a decade, mainly in the clothing business and in building and loan work.

In 1931 he removed to Lexington, then in 1935 to Roanoke, handling sales and organizational work. In 1938 Mr. Lewis joined with an inactive partner, Randolph B. Cunningham, to establish the Cunningham-Lewis Corporation. He

bought his partner's interests in 1940, since which time the business has been family-owned within the Lewis family. The corporation's rock wool insulation business has prospered. During the war it proved of value to the government, the company being engaged to 80 per cent of capacity in wartime production.

In addition to his business activities, Mr. Lewis is a member of the United Commercial Travelers, of which he is a past councillor. He served for six years on the Travelers' executive committee. He is a member of the organization's Inner Circle, the Fatima Guild. He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Roanoke.

Harry Gordon Lewis married, April 17, 1917, in Covington, Virginia, Mary Lear, daughter of J. J. and Mary (Boswell) Lear. They became the parents of a daughter, Mary Gordon Lewis, born July 2, 1918, who became the wife of Dewey Anderson and the mother of their son, Dewey Kosman Anderson, born December 26, 1946.

JOHN TABB WALKER, M.D.—Associated with the Children's Clinic, in Roanoke, Dr. John Tabb Walke holds a position of high standing in this community, and particularly in his own professional circle, in which his work is recognized as outstanding.

Dr. Walke was born June 15, 1916, in Richmond, Virginia, son of Caspar and Nannie Harrison (Tabb) Walke. His father was connected with the Internal Revenue Department of the State of Virginia.

Richmond schools provided Dr. John Tabb Walke's early formal education, and after graduation in 1933 from John Marshall High School, in that city, he entered the University of Richmond, where he received the Bachelor of Science degree. Afterward he studied medicine at the Medical College of Virginia, where he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1940. Not long afterward he became engaged in wartime service to his country. After returning to civilian life at the conclusion of hostilities, Dr. Walke took postgraduate studies at Massachusetts General Hospital, in Boston, between January and June, 1948. For two years prior to that time he had been at the Children's Hospital, in Philadelphia, and back in 1940 and 1941 he had had special pediatric experience at Norfolk General Hospital. In July, 1948, he became associated with the Children's Clinic, in Roanoke.

During World War II, Dr. Walke was with the men who were "flying the hump" in southern Asia.

Commissioned a first lieutenant July 1, 1941, Dr. Walke was stationed at Fort George Meade, Maryland, with the 176th Infantry Regiment, a National Guard unit which became a part of the Twenty-ninth Division. Subsequently he was with the Second Evacuation Hospital, Fort Devens, Massachusetts, then at Westover Field with the Air Corps. From Randolph Field, where he became a flight surgeon, he was transferred to Morrison Field with the captain's rank. Assigned to the ferrying command in the China-Burma-India Theatre of Operations, he was base surgeon at Jorhart, Assam, India, where he became a major. Later he returned to the New Castle Army Air Base, at Wilmington, Delaware. Promoted to lieutenant colonel, he then served as medical personnel officer of the Army Air Corps ferrying division. In the course of action he was wounded by the explosion of one of the planes in Jorhart, India, when he tried to remove the injured men from the crashed plane.

Among his other activities, Dr. Walke is a member of the Roanoke Academy of Medicine, the Virginia Pediatric Society, the Southwestern Virginia Medical Association and the American Medical Association. Different civic bodies, such as the Junior Chamber of Commerce, have claimed his attention. He belongs to Christ Episcopal Church, Roanoke.

Dr. John Tabb Walke married, July 6, 1944, in Richmond, Virginia, Evelyn Chamblin Murrell, daughter of Robert and Ruth (Hancock) Murrell. They became the parents of a daughter, Carolyn Harrison Walke, born November 14, 1947.

CLARENCE GRADY BURROWS—Manager of the plants of the Burlington Mills Corporation, at Roanoke, Covington and Radford, Mr. Clarence Grady Burrows is considered one of the ablest business executives in the textiles manufacturing field in the Shenandoah Valley. He has had long experience in the administrative aspects of this field; and his abilities have been made freely available to his city, through his work in the Chamber of Commerce and the City Beautification Committee and a number of other civic organizations.

A native of Randolph County, North Carolina, Clarence G. Burrows was born July 31, 1898, son of William and Mary (Smith) Burrows. His father was a farmer, owning considerable acreage in that section of North Carolina. Receiving his early education in Browsers School in Randolph County, Clarence G. Burrows graduated from

Asheboro High School in 1915, and from Business College at High Point, North Carolina, in 1918.

His employment in the textile business, however, predates the conclusion of his education in the commercial field. In 1916 he became associated with Stehli Silk Corporation in the capacity of clerk. This firm was then located at High Point, where he was attending business college. His connection with this firm was terminated by his period of World War I service. He served in the Merchant Marine, being a member of the crew of the U. S. S. "Caucus," and was later engaged in Army Engineer dredging at Norfolk, Virginia, and as operator of a suction pipe on dredging, this time in the capacity of engineer, during 1918-1919. He was discharged from the Merchant Marine service on February 5, 1919.

On conclusion of his period of service, he returned with the Stehli Silk Corporation in High Point, and continued there until 1928, advancing from clerk to foreman, office manager, and finally assistant plant manager. In 1928, he went to Lexington, North Carolina, where he became associated with the Grimes Fabrics Corporation as plant manager. He continued there until September, 1931, when the national financial depression brought about the closing of the plant.

In March, 1933, Mr. Burrows returned to the textile business in a supervisory capacity when he joined the Burlington Mills Corporation at Central Falls, North Carolina, as plant superintendent. In 1935, Mr. Burrows was transferred to the executive offices of the company in Greensboro, North Carolina, as research technician. He left Greensboro in February, 1937, to come to the Roanoke Weaving Company, a subsidiary of the Burlington Mills Corporation, as plant superintendent. In 1938, he was associated with the construction of the Radford plant of the company, and on its completion became group manager of these two plants, as well as the plant at Covington.

Mr. Burrows is chairman of the Chamber of Commerce Manufacturing Committee in Roanoke, is past chairman of the City Beautification Committee, and also chairman of the Industrial Committee of the Vinton Chamber of Commerce. He is a loyal Democrat in his political views, and was delegate to the Democratic State Convention at Richmond in 1946. He is a Kiwanian, former member of the board of directors of that organization in Roanoke, and past chairman of various of its committees. Mr. Burrows is a Methodist in his religious faith, a member of Raleigh Court Methodist Church where he has

served as chairman of the Board of Stewards, of the Finance Committee, and of the Building Committee. He is also a member of the Advisory Board of the Young Men's Christian Association and director of the Roanoke Boosters Club.

At High Point, North Carolina, December 2, 1920, Clarence Grady Burrows married Ethel Mae Howell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Alexander Howell. Mr. and Mrs. Burrows are the parents of three children: 1. Dorothy Mae, born February 14, 1922. 2. William Alexander, born September 23, 1924. 3. Helen Elizabeth, born July 4, 1927. They reside at 3201 Somerset, Prospect Hills, Roanoke.

DAVID WILLIAM BATTERMAN—Interested in gasoline engines and other forms of motive power all his life, David William Batterman, of Harrisonburg, has for some years operated the Batterman Machine Shop, which performs general machine repair work, and all types of welding. Mr. Batterman was a pioneer in his field in this area. He is now associated in his endeavors with his two sons, Levi M. and Jacob R.

Mr. Batterman was born at historic Gettysburg, Adams County, Pennsylvania, on December 9, 1890. His father, David Franklin Batterman, was a farmer in Adams County, who also took an active and constructive interest in machine construction and operation. His wife was Amanda Wisler. Their son, David William, attended the county schools in Adams County, and early made his acquaintance with the construction of gasoline engines. He and his father built them on their farm; and David Franklin Batterman, as prime mover of the Batterman Gas Engine Company, headed an organization which produced a dozen different sizes and types of gasoline engines. David W. Batterman built gasoline engines with his father until he left the farm in 1909. At that time he apprenticed himself in the machinist's trade in a little shop located in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. There too, his knowledge was used in overseeing the building of gasoline engines. He returned to the farm in 1910 and continued building engines until he entered the field of general machinery repair.

In 1916, Mr. Batterman returned to Lancaster, and obtained employment as a machinist in a machine shop there. During the next decade, he also owned and operated garages in and around the city. In 1927, he obtained work as a machinist at the Lancaster Malleable Casting Cor-



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poration, with which firm he continued until September, 1935.

From that time dates Mr. Batterman's residence in Harrisonburg. There he started in business for himself under the present firm designation of Batterman Machine Shop. In addition to general machine and repair work, Mr. Batterman has laid out an extensive welding plant, thus keeping abreast of industrial needs as they develop. In 1938 he entered another field of endeavor, becoming representative of the Frick Minneapolis Moline Farm Implement and Equipment sales and service, and this agency has enabled him to serve his customers throughout the Shenandoah Valley in an even more complete way.

So successful has been his enterprise that he has twice, in recent years, been compelled to expand his facilities. In 1946, the need for a more commodious location prompted his removal to the address on Edom Road and Virginia Avenue, where his first building, constructed of cement blocks, measured forty-eight by sixty-six feet. In July, 1948, further expansion was undertaken, with the addition of a new building measuring forty-nine by sixty-three feet. This modern structure affords office space and a show room on the first floor, and has apartments on the second floor, in which Mr. Batterman and his family make their home.

Although prominently identified for so many years with pioneering developments in the gasoline engine, Mr. Batterman also had early mechanical experience with steam-driven automobiles, and one of the famous makes with that type of motive power retained his loyalty for over twenty years. For that length of time he drove a Stanley Steamer.

The management staff of the Batterman Machine Shop has expanded in recent years with the addition of David W. Batterman's two sons, whom he has taken into partnership. Levi M. Batterman joined his father in 1936, and Jacob R., in 1939.

Mr. Batterman is not a fraternalist, but he keeps abreast of developments in his field of endeavor through membership in the Rockingham County Implement Dealers Association. He is a communicant of the Lindale Mennonite Church.

At Bird-in-Hand, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, on November 9, 1916, David William Batterman married Ida H. Myers, daughter of Reuben W. and Hettie A. (Herr) Myers. Mr. and Mrs. Batterman are the parents of four children: 1. Levi M., born November 2, 1918; married Evelyn

Rhodes, and they have one child, Phyllis Dawn. 2. Jacob Reuben (twin), born January 29, 1921; married Lydia May Burkholder, and they have two children, Jacob and Ronald Lee. 3. Mary Reba (twin), born January 29, 1921, now the wife of Charles Edward Ours; they have two children, Allen and Charlotte Ann. 4. Lois Irene, born January 30, 1924; married to Clarence Heller, Jr., and they have one daughter, Patricia Darlene.

ELBERT NORRED TRINKLE, SR.—Active in the field of life insurance in Roanoke since 1937, E. Norred Trinkle, Sr., has served the Shenandoah Life Insurance Company in that city as agency secretary in charge of sales promotion for the company and since 1947 has been home office supervisor. He has consistently been one of the largest producers of business for his company. Mr. Trinkle has served as editor of an official insurance publication; has played a leading part in organizations for community welfare; and is one of Roanoke's most active and constructive influences in commercial and civic affairs.

Born in Wytheville, May 18, 1905, E. Norred Trinkle is a son of William Sevier and Ethel (Koeneer) Trinkle. His father was a farmer and live stock raiser in Wytheville, and he was a highly regarded member of his community, serving as chairman of the school board. E. Norred Trinkle attended public grade and high schools there, and graduated from high school in 1922. He then attended Hampden-Sydney College for two years (1922-1924), after which he transferred his credits to Washington and Lee University, from which he graduated in 1926 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He plans to take post-graduate work, of value to him in his field of endeavor, at Purdue University in the coming year.

Mr. Trinkle began his business career with the Chesapeake and Potomac Bell Telephone Company in Pulaski, holding the position of district manager there from 1927 to 1934. His association with Shenandoah Life Insurance Company dates from January 11, 1937. He entered this firm as policy clerk, and showing marked aptitude for the work, advanced to manager of the conservation division. He later became agency secretary in Roanoke. In August, 1947, Mr. Trinkle entered field work as home office supervisor for the home office agency, largest agency in the company. He has done valuable work in sales promotion; ranked third in production for the company in

1948; and continues as one of its leaders in this regard. Mr. Trinkle is a member of the National Association of Life Underwriters, and secretary of the Roanoke Association of Life Underwriters, Inc. He held a key position in the spreading of information in this field, being editor of the official publication of the Life Advertiser's Association. His talents are many, and have been used effectively and with initiative in promoting the standing of his company and the progress of his profession.

Mr. Trinkle is no less vitally concerned in community affairs. He has served as vice chairman of the Community Fund organization, and is at present a member of its board of trustees. He has also been vice chairman of the American Red Cross local drive (1948), and serves as a member of the board of directors of its local chapter. He is active in the work of the Boy Scouts of America, a member of the Roanoke Area Council, and chairman of the advancement committee. He has served as honorary president of the Americanization Association of Roanoke. During World War II, he was on the Civilian Defense committee in Roanoke, was active in the sale of war bonds, and was chairman of the bond committee of the Life Underwriters of Roanoke during that period.

He exerts his qualities of leadership in the Roanoke Lions Club, of which he served as president in 1946-1947; and as district governor, District 24 A of Lions International, during 1948-1949, continuing as international councillor to the present time.

Mr. Trinkle also finds a constructive outlet for his energies in the work of the Second Presbyterian Church of Roanoke. He has served this congregation as deacon for three years, has been active in Sunday school work, and a member of the building committee.

In Washington, D. C., August 17, 1928, Elbert Norred Trinkle, Sr., married Martha Dold, daughter of William H. and Blanche (Burdette) Dold. They are the parents of three children: 1. Anne Crawford, born April 1, 1930. 2. Elbert Norred, Jr., born December 1, 1933. 3. William Aubrey, born November 11, 1944. The family resides at 2059 Maiden Lane, S.W., Roanoke, Virginia.

JUNIOUS AZLE MURPHY—With a thorough background in the textile field resulting from his connection with that industry since his boyhood years, Junius A. Murphy has assumed the re-

sponsibilities of plant superintendent of the Roanoke Weaving Plant. With this firm, Mr. Murphy has experience in administrative capacities, and was in charge of setting up a plant for the company in Colombia, South America.

Mr. Murphy is a native of North Carolina, having been born in the town of Spray, June 14, 1911, and is a son of James M. and Perly Grey (Land) Murphy. His father before him was engaged in the textile industry, as a mechanic in Spray, North Carolina, and in the grade schools of that place Junius A. Murphy received his preliminary education. He graduated from the Leaksville, North Carolina, high school, where he took night courses.

Mr. Murphy's career in the textile industry began early. Before completion of his education, indeed at the age of fourteen, he became a loom cleaner at Fieldcrest Mills in North Carolina. At that plant he gained ample experience, working at every job in the weaving division, until the age of twenty-one. He had taken night courses at the high school, as indicated above, to prepare himself for college entrance. After completing his courses in night school, he took a one year extension course at North Carolina State College, specializing in textiles, and taking advantage of an opportunity which offered a three-year course in one year to those already experienced in the field.

After coming to Virginia and settling in Roanoke in 1942, Mr. Murphy took a University of Virginia extension course in personnel administration. Thus qualified he assumed in 1943 the superintendency of the plant, having come to the Roanoke Weaving Plant in the capacity of assistant plant superintendent. Mr. Murphy was sent by his company to South America in 1945, to establish there a complete synthetic cloth manufacturing plant in Medellin, Colombia. On completion of the construction of this plant, Mr. Murphy remained until 1948 as its superintendent. When all was going well and a high standard of production was being maintained, he was recalled to Roanoke, to resume there the responsibilities of plant superintendent. Mr. Murphy's work in textiles was of particular value to his country during the war years, when his company converted to the manufacture of war materials.

Junius A. Murphy is a member of the Virginia Manufacturers Association and of the Roanoke Chamber of Commerce. In his own community, he is a member of the Vinton Chamber of Commerce, the Vinton Recreation Association, the

Vinton Welfare Association and the Boosters Club of Roanoke. He is active in Boy Scout work, being chairman of the troop committee, of Troop 204, of Vinton. He is a member of the board of directors and third vice-president of the Lions in Vinton, and in his native Spray, North Carolina, he was formerly a member of the board of directors of the Young Men's Christian Association. Mr. Murphy also holds church membership in the North Carolina community, being a communicant of the Brethren Church there.

At Martinsville, Virginia, September 1, 1932, Junius Azle Murphy married Mozell Arthur, daughter of Walter Jackson and Annie (Saunders) Arthur. Mr. and Mrs. Murphy are the parents of two children: 1. Junius Ronald, born November 4, 1933. 2. Bobbie Arthur, born November 24, 1936.

JAMES MUSE RICHARDSON, of Roanoke, entered the electrical field in his youth when that industry itself was young and undeveloped. He has built up an initially small enterprise to vast proportions, his firm, the Richardson-Wayland Electrical Corporation, doing over three million dollars' worth of business in 1949, giving employment to over three hundred persons, and successfully carrying on electrical engineering and construction contracts in seven states. Highly regarded by his colleagues in the trade, Mr. Richardson holds office in the National Electrical Contractors Association. He is a prominent and popular fraternalist.

Mr. Richardson is a native of Cloverdale, in Botetourt County, Virginia, and was born August 6, 1890, son of James Delorine and Sarah Legera (Haynes) Richardson. His father was a farmer, and served the Confederate cause in the War Between the States. Receiving his early education in the schools of Botetourt County, Mr. Richardson acquired his advanced studies in his chosen field, applied electricity, taking courses from the International Correspondence Schools.

Mr. Richardson made his start in the electrical industry with a capital of five hundred dollars, as seventh stockholder of the Beck-Crouch Electrical Company in Roanoke. The year was 1911. Two years later he incorporated the Richardson-Wayland Electrical Corporation. This firm, which continues to the present time under the same name, grossed eleven thousand dollars in its first year of operation, as compared to a three-million-dollar gross for 1949. Three men were initially

on the payroll, while there are now a hundred times that number.

The company's first plant was located at the corner of Church and Henry streets in Roanoke, in a rented building. It now owns the building at 122 Church Street, and that at 123 Luck Avenue, adjoining. However, it is planning a removal of all equipment and offices to Memorial Bridge, where it will occupy five buildings, four of brick construction, situated on a three-and-a-half acre plot with private railway siding. This will enable the rapidly expanding Richardson-Wayland Electrical Corporation to keep pace with the demands on its services. The firm at present carries on electrical construction work and engineering in seven states, and in addition operates a wholesale distribution outlet for major electrical appliances. One of the corporation's current large contracts, indicative of the scope of some of its undertakings, involves the installation of electrical equipment for the General Electric Company's supersonic wind tunnel at Langley Field. This is being built on behalf of the United States Government. It consists in part of two thirty-thousand-horsepower motors, and supplementary equipment.

Mr. Richardson also had an early interest in radio stations. He owned and operated WBDJ, the second broadcasting station established in the state of Virginia. This property he sold to the Times-World Corporation in 1932.

Active in the National Electrical Contractors Association, Mr. Richardson is a member of its council on industrial relations, and is its governor for the state of Virginia. Locally, he has an interest in banking, being a director of the Mountain Trust Bank. He has been a member of the Rotary Club for twenty-three years, and is past president of the Shenandoah Club. He belongs also to the Roanoke Country Club, and the Farmington Country Club in Charlottesville. He is a communicant of the First Baptist Church, and serves that congregation as a member of the finance committee.

Fraternally, James M. Richardson is affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, has attained the thirty-second degree, and is a member of Kazim Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of the lodges of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

At Roanoke, Virginia, June 29, 1910, James Muse Richardson married Mary Estelle Luck, daughter of George S. Luck, M.D., of Roanoke, and of Marie Louise (Moorman) Luck, daughter

of Captain R. B. Moorman. Mr. and Mrs. Richardson became the parents of a son, James D., who was born April 16, 1913. He attended Woodbury Forest School, and is a graduate of the University of Virginia, class of 1936, degree of Bachelor of Arts.

Mr. Richardson's address is the Roanoke Hotel, Roanoke.

JOHN JOSEPH BOWER of Roanoke has found in his liking for animals and birds the incentive for perhaps the most unique occupation in the Roanoke area. He is proprietor of the Wildheim Game Farm, located on State Highway 117. This farm is truly a "paradise of feathered fowl" from all over the world, and in addition has within its confines a great variety of domestic pets. It is the only wild life farm in the state of Virginia.

Mr. Bower entered this occupation from a successful career as business man. He was born in Botetourt County, November 19, 1884, son of Joseph H. and Maggie (Firestone) Bower, and his father was an employee of Norfolk and Western Railway. After attending the public schools of Roanoke, John Joseph Bower, too, became connected with this railroad as a boilermaker's apprentice, and worked his way up to the journeyman's grade. He then left Norfolk and Western, and entered an independent business in Roanoke, selling and repairing boilers for the Pilibrico Jointless Fire Brick Company, whose headquarters are in Chicago. Mr. Bower still handles the account of this firm, as their distributor, and his agency has been incorporated as J. J. Bower & Company, Inc., with himself as president.

Mr. Bower has always had a fondness for birds and animals, and out of this interest has grown the enterprise with which his name is chiefly identified throughout the Shenandoah Valley. For nearly a quarter of a century he has been developing the Wildheim Game Farm to its present proportions; and he has there an amazing variety of wild and domestic life. The farm breeds and exhibits over a dozen standard, and an equal number of bantam, breeds of fowl, and in addition, domestic waterfowl, Bourbon Red and Blue Slate turkeys, peafowl, wild waterfowl, guinea hens, and pigeons. There are also domestic animals of such variety that even alligators are included in the farm's collection. The assortment of fowl is particularly outstanding, however, and in addition to the breeds in common demand, there are rare and unusual ones from all over the

world, bringing the total to over two hundred and twenty-five breeds and varieties—an achievement perhaps unique in the country, and certainly in the states touched upon by the Shenandoah Valley. Mr. Bower is now co-proprietor of the farm with his son, George A. Bower; and H. D. Herster is farm superintendent. Entrances to the farm are on Route 3, Peters Creek, and on State Highway 117 as well. Membership is held in the American Poultry Association, the Southeastern Cornish Club and the American Bantam Association. In addition, Mr. Bower is a member of a number of other wild life and poultry organizations in the United States, South America and Cuba. He is a director of Madison Square Garden in New York City, and a director of the Atlantic Rural Exposition in Richmond, Virginia.

Mr. Bower has been active in the political affairs of his state, and played an important role in the recent state election, campaigning for R. L. Arnold for the governorship. He is a communicant of the Ghent Brethren Church of Roanoke.

In Roanoke, John Joseph Bower married, first, Mildred Mary Stiff, who died in 1938. She was the daughter of John Wesley and Elizabeth (Poague) Stiff. He married, second, Lillian Irma Thomas. Mr. Bower is the father of four children: 1. Mildred Virginia, born July 27, 1914. She married Charles Powell. 2. Margaret Elizabeth, who married Roy Thomas. 3. Mary Paula, who married Richard Hennebery. 4. George Ambrose.

ELMER ANDREW JORDAN—Elmer Andrew Jordan, of Bridgewater, has devoted his career largely to furthering the cause of farmers' organizations. Not only has he occupied an official position in many of these groups, but he has been a leader in civic and business affairs as well.

Mr. Jordan was born seven miles west of Bridgewater, on June 10, 1897, a son of George Samuel and Almira Jane (Hess) Jordan. His father was also a native of the Bridgewater region, born November 27, 1869, and was a son of Andrew J. Jordan, born August 20, 1842. Andrew Jordan's wife, the former Catherine Wine, was born July 6, 1841. George Samuel Jordan died when his son was eighteen years of age. His wife, the former Almira Jane Hess, was born at Sangerville, April 26, 1865, and was a daughter of Andrew Hess, who was born January 17, 1829, and of his wife, Annie Miller, born May 24, 1832.

Receiving his education in the public schools and Bridgewater Academy, Elmer A. Jordan be-



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gan his agricultural career in partnership with his brother, Oliver W. In 1920 they rented the home place and entered into a partnership as Jordan Brothers, and this partnership continues to the present time. They started a small hatchery in 1921, and by 1932 their enterprise had enlarged in capacity from seventy-two hundred to thirty-one thousand eggs. In 1938 the brothers installed complete and modern electric equipment, which increased their capacity to fifty-six thousand eggs; and today's capacity is two hundred and forty-four thousand eggs. In recent years they have raised as many as one hundred thousand broilers annually.

Elmer A. and Oliver W. Jordan became the owners of the property which they occupy, in 1923, and in 1936 they added to their holdings the P. S. Miller farm. The next year they purchased the Charlie Painter farm near Mount Crawford, and in 1939, with J. Abe and Nelson Craun, acquired a live stock farm in Loudoun County. This they have continued to use for livestock breeding, and have there about nine hundred hogs, sheep and cattle.

Mr. Jordan is a director of the Rockingham Farm Bureau, is vice-president and director of Planters Bank of Bridgewater and is a director of Shenandoah Valley Electric Cooperative. He was vice-president for two years, served as president for three years, and is now a director of Rockingham Poultry Market Cooperative, Inc. He is a trustee of Rockingham Memorial Hospital, president of the Farmers Mutual Telephone Company, and member and trustee of the executive committee of Bridgewater College. He has been on the Rockingham County Board of Public Welfare since 1942 and chairman of this board since January, 1949. He is also connected with the poultry committee of the American Farm Bureau, and was a director of the Southern State Marketing Cooperative. Mr. Jordan also was a director of Rockingham Turkey Festival. He served two years as vice-president of the League of Virginia Counties, and served on the executive committee and the board of directors of the Southern States Marketing Cooperative with headquarters in Richmond, Virginia. In 1949 Mr. Jordan and family were awarded the Master Farmer award by the Progressive Farmer and the Virginia Agricultural Extension Service.

In matters of local government, Mr. Jordan served as a member of the Rockingham County board of supervisors from 1940 to 1948 and he served five years on the National Association of

County Officials. He is a Rotarian and a member of the defense savings committee of Rockingham County and a member of the Ruritan Club. For recreation, Mr. Jordan enjoys traveling. He is a communicant of the Beaver Creek Church of the Brethren, which congregation he serves as a deacon and a member of the ministerial committee.

On February 18, 1920, Elmer Andrew Jordan married Fay Anna Huffman of Luray. They became the parents of two children: 1. Ruth Almira, born May 2, 1921; married Edwin Shirkey, and they have a daughter, Ann Fay. 2. Dwight Huffman, born April 24, 1923; married Marietta Armstrong and they have one daughter, Mary Sue. Fay Anna (Huffman) Jordan died July 8, 1933. Mr. Jordan married (second) Nannie V. Miller, a native of Pendleton County, West Virginia. Of the second marriage there is one child, Evelyn Catherine, born October 14, 1941.

WALTER LEE FOLTZ—Head of the firm of W. L. Foltz and Son, dealing in general insurance in Lexington, Virginia, Walter Lee Foltz has been in the insurance field for over thirty years, after an early start in the banking profession. His leadership in connection with fraternal and civic organizations has been no less distinctive than his professional achievements, and he has served ably in the selective service system, the American Red Cross, and on behalf of the community chest.

Mr. Foltz is a son of David B. and Sally Belle (Shuler) Foltz, his father having been a farmer in Virginia. Born in Page County, that state, December 27, 1887, Walter Lee Foltz attended the public grade and high schools of Fairfield, Virginia, after which he enrolled at Shenandoah Collegiate Institute, Dayton, Virginia, in the class of 1906.

He came to Lexington in 1912, and until 1917 worked as bookkeeper in the First National Bank in that city, and later as cashier in the Farmers Deposit and Savings Bank. This latter institution was subsequently merged with the First National Bank of Lexington. From 1917 to 1922, Mr. Foltz was a partner in the firm of Firebaugh and Foltz, and in the latter year established the present agency in his own name. It was operated as W. L. Foltz until 1935, when Mr. Foltz took his son into business, at which time its designation was changed to W. L. Foltz and Son. It has dealt since its founding in general insurance; and Mr. Foltz has become one of the most popular and highly regarded writers of policies in his home city.

During World War II, Mr. Foltz served his country in civilian capacity as director of the selective service board of Lexington, and he has continued to hold this office from 1943 until the present time. He was awarded the Selective Service Medal for Meritorious Service in recognition of the value of his work and the high quality of his performance. He is past president of the American Red Cross drive in his community, and is generally active in worth-while civic programs. He was first president for Lexington of the Rockbridge Community Chest Fund, recently organized. He joined the Kiwanis Club as a charter member in 1924, and is past president of that organization. Mr. Foltz has also ably and unstintingly served his church, the Lexington Presbyterian. He has been a member of the board of deacons since 1938, and chairman of that board since 1946. He is charter member and past president of the A. T. Graham Bible Class, convening at that church.

Fraternally, Mr. Foltz is affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, being in both the York and the Scottish Rites. He has attained the Thirty-second degree, and is Past Master of his lodge and Past High Priest of his chapter and member of Kazim Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also Past Commander of the Knights Templar, and Past District Deputy Grand Master of the Blue Lodge; also Past District Deputy Grand Commander of the Knights Templar. He is Past Chancellor Commander of the Knights of Pythias.

In Augusta County, September 17, 1908, Walter Lee Foltz married Bessie May Myers, daughter of Rev. J. C. S. and Jeannette (Calbreath) Myers. Mr. and Mrs. Foltz have two children: 1. Wayne Lee, born June 26, 1909. 2. Aubrey Myers, born October 22, 1913.

The offices of W. L. Foltz and Son are in the Stuart Building in Lexington.

MARION COBB WINDLEY — Operating the Rader Funeral Home in Troutville, Virginia, which he bought in 1946, Marion Cobb Windley has had ample experience in the field of funeral directing, and has been identified with some of the better-known establishments in this part of Virginia. He is a prominent figure in professional organizations and fraternal groups.

Mr. Windley was born in Portsmouth, Virginia, December 1, 1913, son of Guy F. and Margaret (Bowen) Windley. His father was engineer on a lumber railroad in the eastern part of North Carolina. Marion C. Windley received his early

education in the elementary and high schools of Roanoke, graduating from Jefferson High School in 1931. He attended the University of Minnesota for one year, 1935-1936, studying embalming and funeral directing, and he passed the requirements of the State of Virginia examining board in 1936.

Since 1931, Mr. Windley had been acquiring from practical experience a knowledge of funeral direction. From that year, until 1935, he was associated with the W. D. Dinguid Mortuary in Lynchburg, Virginia, as an apprentice. In 1937 he first acquired an interest in a mortuary establishment as partner in the Lotz-Windley Funeral Home. He sold his interest in 1941 and became associated with Joseph W. Bliley Company, which operates one of the largest funeral homes in the South. With that firm, he was funeral director and embalmer. In 1945, Mr. Windley took over management of the Craig and Bassett Funeral Home in Bassett, Virginia. The next year he bought an interest in the Rader Funeral Home in Troutville, and he has been associated with that establishment since.

Mr. Windley is a member of the Shenandoah Valley Funeral Directors and Embalmers Club. He is affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons as a member of Lakeland Lodge No. 190 in Roanoke and Boone Lodge No. 247 in Troutville. He is also a member of the Knights of Pythias Commandery and of the Doakies Club. He belongs to Psi Sigma Eta professional fraternity, and is a communicant of the Baptist Church.

At Roanoke, December 1, 1938, Marion Cobb Windley married Lucille Buckland, daughter of Neal Andrew and Barcie (Ferguson) Buckland. Mr. and Mrs. Windley are the parents of three children: 1. Marion Cobb, Jr., born February 20, 1940. 2. Neal Stephen, born August 21, 1942. 3. Ellen Kay, born December 2, 1945.

ERNEST CLEVELAND FIRESTONE — In business in his own name since 1904, in the canning industry and poultry production, Ernest C. Firestone has assumed a place of significance in the commercial life of Troutville, Virginia. He is president of Troutville Poultry Farm, Inc.; and his thorough familiarity with business procedures has led to his filling a number of directorships. He has ably served his community and his church.

Born in Botetourt County, November 1, 1886, Mr. Firestone is a son of Joseph Jackson and Mary Louise (Palmer) Firestone. His father was

a farmer in Botetourt County. There, Ernest C. Firestone attended the public schools, and for three years he was enrolled at Daleville College, where he studied Bible courses.

Mr. Firestone entered the canning business in 1904 as owner of a plant in Nace, Virginia. This plant was operated under the corporate designation of E. C. Firestone Canning Company, and its products were sold under the trade name of "Blue Spring Brand." Mr. Firestone also opened a plant in Troutville, and this he operated until 1921 when he sold it. He continued operation of the Nace plant, however, until 1949.

In 1919, Mr. Firestone had entered his second important field of endeavor—poultry production. In that year, Troutville Poultry Farm commenced operations. It has continued successfully since that time; and since Mr. Firestone terminated his connections with the canning field, it has been his primary business interest. He is its president; J. Bennett Firestone is secretary and director; and Ray Ernest Firestone is vice-president and director. Also having an interest in construction work, Mr. Firestone has been the builder of various important commercial structures in Troutville. He is a director of the Roanoke and Botetourt Telephone Company, and president of the Virginia Protective Association, a fire insurance company in Troutville. He is also connected with the First National Bank of Troutville.

In connection with his primary business interests, Mr. Firestone is president of the Bristol Chick Hatchery. He is a member, and past vice-president, of the Troutville Lions Club. A communicant of the Church of the Brethren, one of his vital interests is religious work. He has taught Sunday school most of his adult life, and has been superintendent of his Sunday school and young people's group for many years.

Mr. Firestone's work during World War I was vital to his country, even though he was not in uniform during that conflict. He expanded his canning enterprises at that time, and in addition to the two factories in Virginia, at Troutville and Nace, he operated three in the state of Tennessee, at Limestone, Afton and Sunbright, canning beans, peaches and tomatoes, and responding to the government's need for the increased production of foodstuffs. After the first World War, he disposed of his holdings in Tennessee.

At Bristol, Virginia, August 18, 1904, Ernest Cleveland Firestone married Florence May Strickler, daughter of Samuel R. and Lucy Belle (Shay) Strickler. Mr. and Mrs. Firestone are the par-

ents of two children both born at Nace, Virginia: 1. Ray Ernest, born January 25, 1906. 2. Joseph Bennet, born June 9, 1917.

ALONZO EDGAR VAUGHN, of Eagle Rock, Virginia, has been associated with a number of industrial enterprises throughout his active career, and emerged as president of the Eagle Rock Milling and Manufacturing Company, Inc., in 1937, thus holding a preeminent position in that town's business life. He has been a resident of Eagle Rock since 1921, and has identified himself with worth-while civic activities, such as membership on the school board, and church work.

He is a native of Carroll County, Virginia, and was born April 3, 1890, son of Elisha Monroe and America Ann (Matherly) Vaughn, his father being a carpenter following his trade in Wythe County. After attending the public elementary and secondary schools of his native county and of Wythe County, whither the family had moved, Alonzo E. Vaughn began his business career with the Virginia Iron, Coal and Coke Company of Wythe County, as water boy, and later became timekeeper and clerk with this company. Proving his business abilities, he was subsequently made store manager and cashier at various locations. In 1911, Mr. Vaughn terminated this connection to associate himself with the Allegheny Ore and Iron Company as cashier at Lignite, Virginia. He remained there until 1914, when he went with the Virginia Alberene Corporation at Schuyler, Virginia, as assistant store manager and payroll clerk. In 1917, however, Mr. Vaughn returned with the Allegheny Ore and Iron Company as cashier, which position he held until 1921.

In that year, he became connected with the Eagle Rock Milling and Manufacturing Company, Inc., assuming the position of manager. He acquired controlling stock of the company, and was elected president in 1937.

Mr. Vaughn has served five years on the school board of his chosen home city, and was its chairman when he resigned from the board in 1948. He has also served for many years as Sunday school teacher in his church, the Methodist, and has also been for twenty-six years a member of its board of stewards. He is now a member of the Methodist congregation at Eagle Rock.

Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Blue Lodge in Fincastle, Virginia, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is Past Master.

At Buchanan, Virginia, December 8, 1909, Alonzo Edgar Vaughn married Hattie Neil

Brooke, daughter of James and Hepsie (Pike) Brooke. Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn became the parents of thirteen children, as follows: 1. Mildred Ethel, born September 3, 1910. 2. Alonzo Edgar, Jr., born November 22, 1912. 3. Louise Brooke, born April 8, 1914. 4. Clara Inez, born May 9, 1916. 5. James Monroe, born December 7, 1917. 6. Kitty Mae, born June 20, 1919. 7. Paul McGuire, born July 30, 1920. 8. Phillip Earley, born March 6, 1922. 9. Mary Elizabeth, born December 18, 1924. 10. Charles Robert, and 11. Marguerite Lee, twins, born May 9, 1926. 12. Robert Eugene, born in 1927, died in infancy. 13. Nellie Ann, born November 4, 1928.

ROBERT BRUCE MORRISON—Owner of the R. Bruce Morrison General Insurance Agency in Lexington, Virginia, Mr. Morrison has behind him a varied experience, and has been active in the insurance field for over twenty years—a sufficient time to have enabled a man of his abilities to build up an enviable reputation in serving the members of his community. In civic life, he has been high sheriff of Rockbridge County, and for many years secretary of the county school board. Mr. Morrison is also president of the Rockbridge National Bank. His invaluable leadership has extended to clubs, fraternities, and veterans' organizations as well.

Son of Robert L. Morrison, of Murat, Virginia, farmer, and likewise former sheriff of Rockbridge County, and of Minnie (Saville) Morrison, R. Bruce Morrison was born at Murat on November 14, 1895. He attended grade schools and the Palmer High School in his native place, graduating from the latter in 1913. He then entered Washington and Lee University, from which he graduated in 1917 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts.

In that same year, Mr. Morrison volunteered for wartime work with the American Field Service, which later became known as the American Ambulance Service, a unit entering the field of action in World War I under the French Government, and which had earned an excellent record of service before this country became engaged in the conflict. R. Bruce Morrison served in five major engagements: at the Monte-Dier sector, the Lorraine sector, the Soissons sector, in the Battle of the Aisne, and in the Belgian sector. Wounded in action and hospitalized, he received the Croix de Guerre from the French Government, and was later awarded the Purple Heart by the United

States Government in consequence of wounds sustained in the Battle of the Aisne. He was honorably discharged from military service in June, 1919.

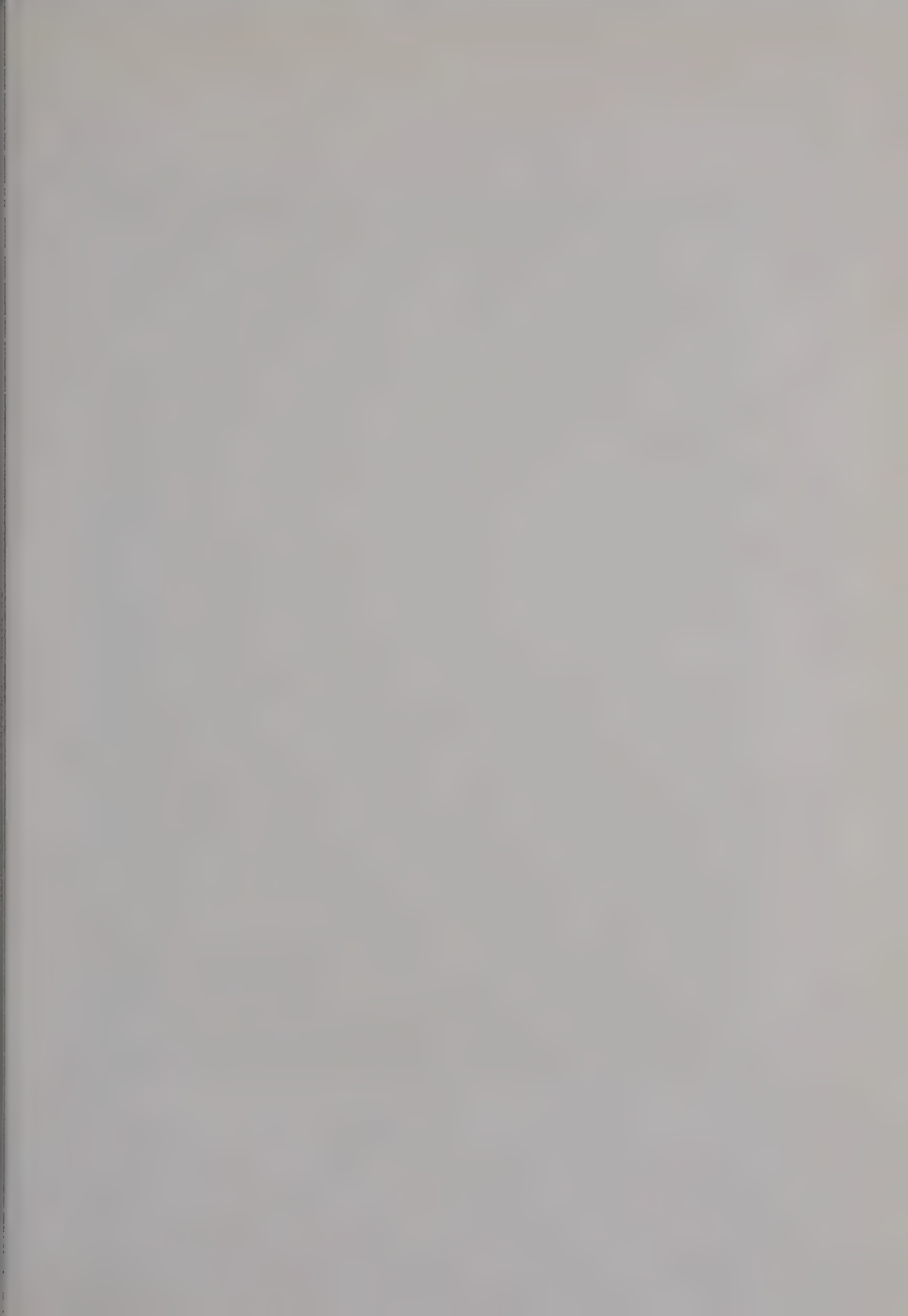
Returning to civilian life, Mr. Morrison taught school at Horner Military Academy, Charlotte, North Carolina, from the autumn of 1919 until the end of the academic year in 1920. During the next few years he spent recurrent periods of time in government hospitals for treatment in consequence of having been gassed during the war. He was permanently discharged from a hospital in the fall of 1923. In that year he became candidate for sheriff, an office in which his father had served most creditably, and for which he himself was deemed ideally fitted. He was elected to the office and served until 1928.

In 1928, Mr. Morrison entered the insurance business, and with John P. Ackerly, Jr., bought out a small agency in Lexington, which was operated as a partnership under the name of Morrison and Ackerly. In 1933, R. Bruce Morrison purchased Mr. Ackerly's interest in the business, and has continued in his own name to the present time. Dealing in general insurance, he does business as the R. Bruce Morrison Agency.

Mr. Morrison is president and director of the Rockbridge National Bank in Lexington. In addition to his service to Rockbridge County as high sheriff, he has been, since 1931, secretary of the Rockbridge County school board. Professionally, he holds membership in the Virginia Association of Insurance Agents; and his qualities of leadership have been demonstrated in a number of local bodies. He was president, in 1938, of the Kiwanis Club of Lexington, of which he is a charter member; and he served as secretary of that club for seventeen years until 1948. He has been commander of American Legion Post No. 95, and is also the present service officer of this post. Another veterans' organization in which Mr. Morrison holds membership is the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He is a member of Post No. 1499 of that overseas veterans' organization. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias of Lexington, and of the Lexington Golf Club.

A Presbyterian in his religious faith, R. Bruce Morrison has been for six years an elder of the Oxford Presbyterian Church in Murat, Virginia. For a number of years, he was superintendent of its Sunday school.

At Danville, Virginia, July 16, 1942, Robert Bruce Morrison married Martha Elizabeth Brame, daughter of Hoke and Elizabeth (Clarke) Brame.





J. Lewis Lloyd

JOHN LEWIS LLOYD—Beginning his career as a farmer, John Lewis Lloyd entered the electrical field after World War I, found it a profitable occupation for one of his abilities, and is now proprietor of the Lloyd Electric Company, in Roanoke. Evidence of his skill in the management of this firm is the fact that his present establishment is three times the size of that in which he began. He has proved himself one of the progressive business leaders of the city.

Mr. Lloyd is a native of Bedford County, Virginia, and was born August 8, 1895, son of Thomas Jackson and Lillie B. (Creasey) Lloyd. His father was a farmer in Bedford County. In the public schools of Bedford, John L. Lloyd received his education; and he engaged in farming on his acreage south of Bedford until he was twenty-one years of age.

At that time, Mr. Lloyd came to Roanoke, where he entered the employ of the Roanoke Railway Electric Company, engaged in electrical steam powerhouse work. He remained in this occupation for only a short time, his term of employment being terminated by his entering military service during World War I.

Enlisting in the United States Army, Mr. Lloyd was assigned to the 80th Division, and served with the American Expeditionary Force overseas for one year. He was in Flanders with the British troops, and saw combat in the Meuse-Argonne sector and at Verdun. On October 4, 1918, he was wounded on the Meuse-Argonne front and hospitalized for several months, and was awarded the Purple Heart. He was returned to the States December 25, 1918.

During World War II, likewise, John L. Lloyd did his part for his country by contracting with the United States Navy for the repair of vital electrical equipment, and he hauled this equipment from Portsmouth, Virginia, repaired and returned the same for two years.

On resuming civilian life after the first war, Mr. Lloyd renewed his connection with the Roanoke Railway Electric Company, but remained with this utilities concern for only a short while. He next associated himself with the Barnett-Brewbaker Electric Company. In 1921 he was an armature winder with that company, and he remained with it until December 31, 1926, on which date he purchased the entire business.

For some years thereafter the new proprietor continued operation of the Barnett-Brewbaker Electric Company under its old name. On January 1, 1942, however, he changed its designation

to the Lloyd Electric Company. At its outset, his enterprise gave full-time employment to four men. It now has twelve employees on its payroll, and the constantly expanding volume of business has necessitated the increasing of floor space to three times its original dimensions. Despite his steady and increasing success in the electrical field, Mr. Lloyd has retained his interest in farming, the occupation with which he grew up; and now owns and operates a farm of one hundred and forty acres near Salem in Roanoke County. There he makes his home, and raises grain, and, as a hobby, Hereford beef cattle, of which he now owns thirty-seven head.

Mr. Lloyd is an active fraternalist, identified with Roanoke Lodge No. 197 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Since World War I he has been a member of the American Legion, and is past commander of Post No. 242 at Roanoke, and past 6th District Commander. He belongs also to the more select veterans' organization, the "Forty and Eight". Locally, he is a member of the Lions Club of Roanoke. He is a member of Greene Memorial Methodist Church, while his family belongs to the Ghent Brethren Church of Roanoke.

At Greensboro, North Carolina, November 25, 1925, John Lewis Lloyd married Julia H. Hyde, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Hyde of Washington County, Maryland. The Lloyds have two children: Dean S. and Jack C., twins, who were born April 22, 1939. The family's address is Route 3, Roanoke.

AUBREY MYERS FOLTZ—At Lexington, the "Shrine of the Southland," a citizen who is making his influence strongly felt is Aubrey Myers Foltz of the insurance world. Manager of the Life Insurance Company of Virginia's agency in that lovely, gracious college town, Mr. Foltz is in charge of the company's business in four of Virginia's counties, and hence has a reputation which is Valley wide in its proportions. A veteran of World War II, Mr. Foltz continues prominent in military affairs and is also one of the most active individuals in organizations in Lexington and in the counties in which he does business, not to mention the Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Foltz is the son of Walter Lee Foltz, another of the Valley's outstanding citizens, whose own story is told on other pages of this history of the Valley, and of Bessie May (Myers) Foltz. He was graduated from the Lexington

High School in June, 1931, and from famed Virginia Military Institute, also in Lexington, in June, 1935. Lexington is his birthplace and he was born on October 22, 1913.

Immediately following his graduation from Virginia Military Institute, Mr. Foltz became a life underwriter for the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York. He was with this company from 1935 to 1937. Since August, 1937, he has been associated with the Life Insurance Company of Virginia, having begun as a life underwriter. On December 1, 1947, he was made manager of the Lexington agency, with responsibility for Rockbridge, Bath, Alleghany and Amherst counties. His office is at 122 South Main Street, Lexington. Mr. Foltz's military service dates from the days of his cadetship at Virginia Military Institute and has been continuous—reserve and active—to this day. Upon his graduation from Virginia Military Institute, he was made a second lieutenant in the United States Cavalry Reserve. Then, on July 5, 1941, he was called into the active service with the rank of first lieutenant. Until June, 1943, he was stationed at Keesler Field, Biloxi, Mississippi, and until June, 1944, he was attached to Headquarters, Army Air Force Technical Training Command, Tulsa, Oklahoma; Greensboro, North Carolina, and St. Louis, Missouri. From June, 1944, to October, 1944, Mr. Foltz was at the Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. From October, 1944, to December, 1945, he was administrative personnel officer at the General Depot, China-Burma-India Theater of Operations, eighteen miles north of Calcutta, India. Returned to the States in 1946, he was separated from the active service on March 3 of that year. Among his military activities today is service as flight commander of the Lexington and Rockbridge Counties Volunteer Reserve Unit. He retains his rank of lieutenant colonel in the United States Air Force Reserve.

Mr. Foltz is vice-president of the Lexington and Rockbridge County Chamber of Commerce and former president of the Lions Club of Lexington. Prominent in the Masonic order, he was master of Mountain City Lodge, No. 67, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, for the year 1948-1949, and is also active in Rockbridge Chapter, No. 44, Royal Arch Masons; Mooman Commandery, No. 27, Knights Templar, and Kazim Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at Roanoke. Another fraternal order to which he belongs is the Knights of Pythias. His church is the Lexington Presbyterian, and he is

a member of the Deaconate and he is an intermediate department teacher in the Sunday School.

On November 23, 1935, Mr. Foltz married Leila Holmes Smith, daughter of Clarence Eugene and Lilly Eve (Harrison) Smith, the ceremony taking place at Roanoke. Mr. and Mrs. Foltz have two daughters: Jeannette Harrison Foltz, who was born on August 20, 1939, and Sally E. Foltz, who was born on November 13, 1941. Mr. Foltz's residence address is 23 Sellers Avenue, Lexington.

IRA RUFFNER ALPHIN—Now virtually retired, Ira Ruffner Alphin of Lexington continues prominent in such fields of activity as crop farming, and as automobile dealer, two fields to which he devoted his life. He has long been one of the better known citizens of Rockbridge County.

Mr. Alphin was born near Kerrs Creek, in that county, on February 4, 1874, the son of Louis Alphin, a farmer in the Kerrs Creek District, and Phoebe Beech (Hayslett) Alphin, and was educated in the Rockbridge County schools. Born on a farm, "Ruff" Alphin naturally began life as a farmer.

On November 15, 1898, at Staunton, Mr. Alphin married Dove Showalter, the daughter of Joseph and Mattie (Montgomery) Showalter. To this marriage were born four daughters: Mrs. Leslie W. (May) Pultz, Mrs. J. H. C. (Alene) Mann, Mildred Beech Alphin, and Mrs. Frank O. (Edythe) Moseley.

After the marriage, and until 1908, Mr. and Mrs. Alphin lived on a farm in the Buffalo District owned by Mrs. Alphin. There Mr. Alphin followed diversified farming on 110 acres. In 1908 Mr. Alphin moved his family to the Central District of Rockbridge County and in 1915 he went into dairy farming. The business was called the Mountain View Dairy. He maintained thirty cows, of the Holstein variety, which he milked three times a day, with a daily production of 130 gallons. At this time his dairy was the largest in the county and among its customers was Virginia Military Institute at Lexington. Along with dairying Mr. Alphin grew grain. About 1930 he discontinued the dairy business and since then he has grown grain and raised stock, using about 350 acres. He is also president of the Rockbridge Motor Company in Lexington and is a former president of the First National Bank of Lexington. Formerly active in many organizations and community activities, Mr. Alphin now belongs to the Knights of Pythias.

In his church, the Bethany Lutheran, he served on the council for many years.

Mr. Alphin has two grandchildren: Eldridge Alphin Pultz and Frank Ruffner Moseley. Mrs. Alphin died August 2, 1938 and is buried in the Bethany Lutheran Church Cemetery.

JAMES PATTON ALEXANDER and LOUISE HOUSTON ALEXANDER — The contribution made by the late James Patton Alexander and his widow, Louise Houston Alexander, and still being made by Mrs. Alexander in the Shenandoah Valley has been immeasurable. For years Mr. Alexander, who for a time was assistant postmaster of Lexington, operated Veranda Fruit Farm, formerly called Red House Estate, owned by his family since 1842, and today Mrs. Alexander carries on, raising apples and peaches and breeding Black Angus beef cattle. Her husband was a director of two banks; she is a director of one. And just as he was prominent in the civic, agricultural and social life of the county and of both Fairfield and Lexington, so is Mrs. Alexander today. Also, Mrs. Alexander, who is a member of the Houston family, participates in the maintenance of important historical records in the county as well as making history herself.

Mr. Alexander, who was born on what is Veranda Fruit Farm on January 15, 1887, was the son of John Gibson and Mary Paxton (Patton) Alexander. His father was one of the first orchardists in Rockbridge County on the same estate, which, formerly a stage coach tavern and its grounds, passed into the hands of the Alexander family more than a hundred years ago. This was originally owned by the McDowell family and was the birthplace of Dr. Ephriam McDowell, who performed the first surgical abdominal operation known in the United States. James Patton Alexander was graduated from the Lexington High School and then spent two years at Virginia Military Institute, 1906 and 1907, and then attended the School of Commerce of Washington and Lee University, following his working at the post office in Lexington, Virginia. Though he had been farming since boyhood, Mr. Alexander really began his business career as a postal clerk in Lexington in 1907. By the time he resigned from the post office he had risen to assistant postmaster. From 1911 to 1913 he was a student at Washington and Lee and then from 1913 to 1915 he served as purchasing agent for the Rock Island Coal Company at San Antonio, Texas.

When the United States became a belligerent in World War I, Mr. Alexander enlisted in the United States Army and following training at Leon Springs, Arkansas, was commissioned a first lieutenant in the Artillery Corps. He was honorably discharged from the service after the Armistice in 1918. He then returned to the family fruit farm and from that time until his death on August 20, 1943, at the age of fifty-six, he devoted himself to the development of the property as an apple and peach orchard and stock farm, and he helped extend the Alexander reputation throughout Shenandoah Valley. He took over active management on his father's retirement. He became a director of the Bank of Rockbridge County, at Fairfield, and of the First National Bank of Lexington. Also, he held offices in the International Apple Shippers Association and the Virginia Horticulture Society. Other organizations in which he was active included Sigma Nu fraternity and various Masonic bodies, among them Kazim Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at Roanoke. He served on the board of deacons of the Fairfield Presbyterian Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander married in the Providence Presbyterian Church of Rockbridge County on June 24, 1924. They became the parents of three daughters: Ann Eliza Alexander, born August 25, 1925; Frances Houston, now Mrs. Jared A. Close, born March 25, 1928; and Agnes Patton Alexander, born July 25, 1941.

Mrs. Alexander, whose full given name is Annette Louise, is also a native of Rockbridge County. Her father was William George Houston, a relative of the famed Texas patriot who was born near Timber Ridge, not far from Mrs. Alexander's present home and farm near Fairfield. Her mother was Mary Frances (Ervine) Houston. Following her early education in the elementary and grade schools at Fairfield, the future Mrs. Alexander became a student at Madison College (Harrisonburg State Teachers College), where she was awarded the degree of Bachelor of Science in Economics in 1923. Granted her State teacher's license, she taught one term in the high school at Hampton, and then married. She has been a farmer's wife and a farmer since then. Since the death of Mr. Alexander, she has operated the orchard and stock farm herself and supervised five hundred acres. She is a director of the First National Bank of Lexington and is active in the Rockbridge Historical Society, the Lexington Women's Club and

the Natural Bridge Garden Club. She is a former president of the Women's Auxiliary of the Fairfield Presbyterian Church, and is known throughout the Valley for her varied interests and devotion to the public welfare.

OSCAR HUNTER McCLUNG, JR., M.D.—In practice at Lexington since 1941, Dr. Oscar Hunter McClung, Jr., is like his father before him, developing a Valley-wide reputation as a general practitioner in medicine. He spent more than four years in the Army of the United States, Medical Corps, in World War II and is now active on behalf of veterans as well as in civic work.

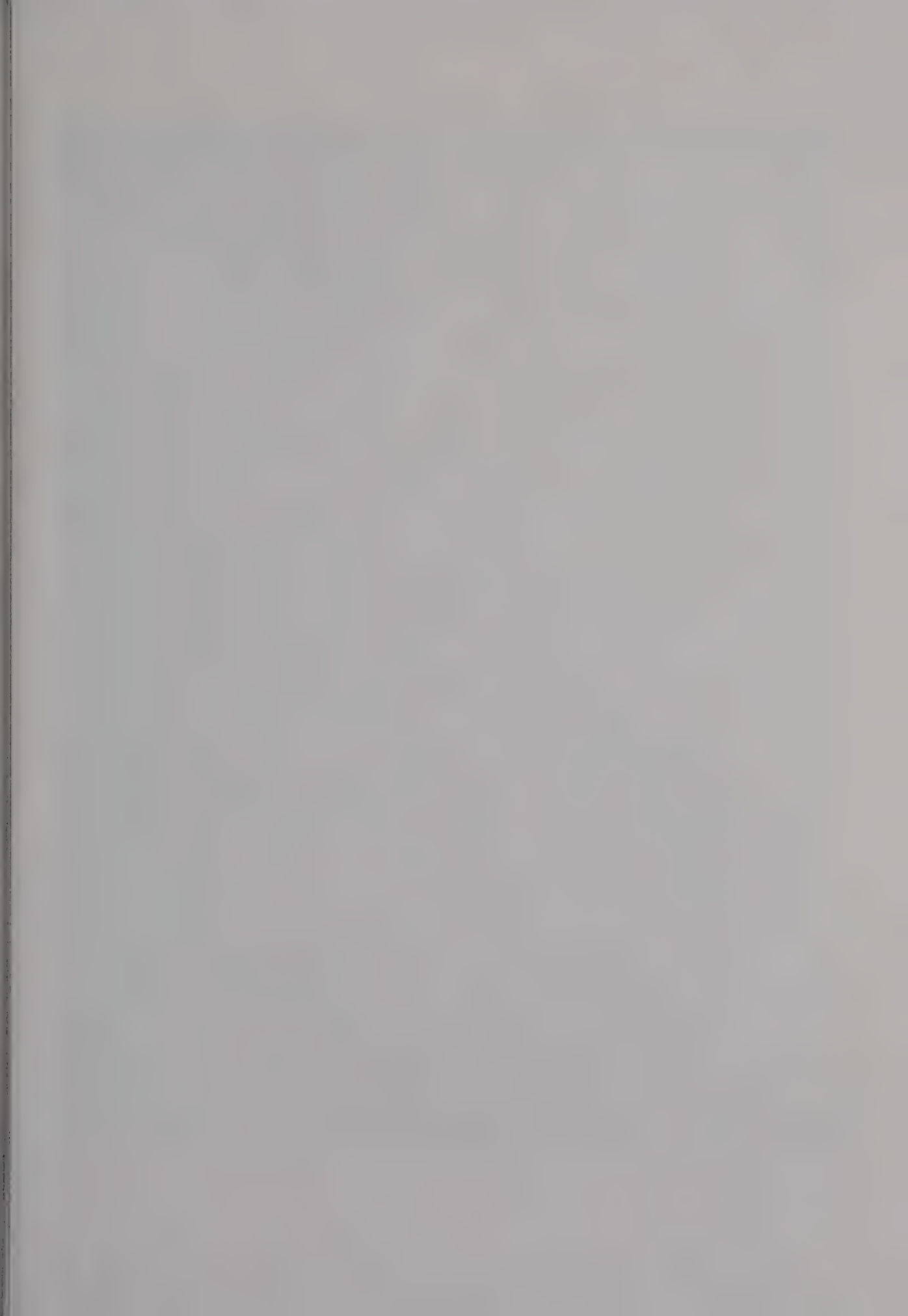
Born in Lexington on October 17, 1913, Dr. McClung is the son of the late Dr. Oscar Hunter McClung and Jean (Harman) McClung. His father was also the son of a medical man. He began his practice at Fairfield in 1904, when he took over his own father's practice. Later he established himself in Lexington, where he remained until his death in 1947. Dr. McClung, Jr., attended the Lexington high school from 1926 to 1930 and Virginia Episcopal School at Lynchburg from 1930 to 1931. In 1931, he was graduated from the Lexington high school. From 1931 to 1935 he was at Virginia Military Institute, receiving his degree of Bachelor of Science, and from 1935 to 1939 at the University of Virginia, a student in the medical department. He was granted his degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1939. From 1939 to 1941 Dr. McClung served his internship at Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia. He then returned home and for a year was in general practice in Lexington. In the school session, 1941-1942, he was temporary surgeon at his old Alma Mater, Virginia Military Institute. Meantime, he had become an officer in the United States Army Medical Corps Reserve and on June 15, 1942, he was called into active service as a first lieutenant. He was stationed at Lawson General Hospital, at Atlanta, Georgia, until December, 1944, and from January, 1945, to January, 1946, he was in the Surgeon General's Office in Washington, D. C. At the time his active duty terminated, on August 14, 1946, he was a major in the Medical Corps. Since then he has been in general practice in Lexington. Until his father's death in 1947, he was associated in practice with him. He is now staff physician at Jackson Memorial Hospital, Lexington. Dr. McClung, who has also achieved a reputation for his civic interests, was president of the Rotary Club of Lexington in the year 1949-1950. He is also a

member of the American Medical Association, the Virginia Medical Society and the Rockbridge Medical Society. His fraternities are Kappa Alpha, to which he was elected at Virginia Military Institute in 1935, and Nu Sigma Nu, to which he was elected at the University of Virginia, also in 1935. Another of his organizations is the Masonic order, and he belongs to the Mountain City Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. In his church, the Presbyterian, Dr. McClung is a member of the board of deacons.

On April 13, 1939, Dr. McClung married Margaret Denny, the daughter of George Hutchison and Jane (Strickler) Denny. The marriage was solemnized in Lexington. Dr. and Mrs. McClung have become the parents of a son, Oscar Hunter McClung, III, who was born on June 3, 1940, at Philadelphia. The doctor's address is 18 West Washington Street, in Lexington.

WALTON WILMOUTH COFFEY—The reputation of Walton Wilmouth Coffey of Lexington has spread into many fields of interest and into many areas. In the building and contracting business since 1911, Mr. Coffey is noted for the many fine public and private structures he has constructed. He is well known in the hotel trade and among apartment house owners. He operated the Mayflower Hotel in Lexington for sixteen years. He is also a farmer, and he is prominent in the Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Coffey was born in Amherst County, Virginia, on March 12, 1889, the son of William Henry Coffey, who was a contractor and builder in Buena Vista, Rockbridge County, and of Martha Jane (Davis) Coffey. Walton Coffey was educated in the public schools of Rockbridge County and at National Business College, Roanoke. From 1911 to 1918, Mr. Coffey was associated with his father in the building business, their firm being known as W. H. Coffey and Sons, Building Contractors, located at Buena Vista. The father later sold this business and retired. His death occurred in June, 1931. In 1922, Walton Coffey moved the business to Lexington and until 1946 he operated under the firm name of W. W. Coffey. The firm became W. W. Coffey and Son when, in 1947, he took his son James Francis Coffey into the business. They have operated together since that time. Mr. Coffey built the Mayflower Hotel in 1925 and operated it himself until 1941, when he sold it. He continues to operate the W. W. Coffey Apartment House, also of his own construction. His farm, located three miles east of





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Lexington, consists of 137 acres. Mr. Coffey plans to subdivide all or part of the farm eventually, and to develop a new residential area for Lexington.

As a churchman Mr. Coffey has attained unusual standing. In both 1945 and 1946, he was selected a delegate to the Presbyterian General Assembly at Montreat, North Carolina. He has served his own church, Poplar Hill Presbyterian of Lexington, as an elder for twenty years and as superintendent of the Sunday School for twenty-five years. He is also active in the Lions Club of Lexington, in which he is currently serving as a member of the board of directors, and in the Knights of Pythias and the Junior Order of American Mechanics.

Mr. Coffey married Lula Elizabeth McCormick, daughter of Nathaniel Steele and Lula (Allen) McCormick, at Lexington on June 16, 1915. Mr. and Mrs. Coffey are the parents of three children: James Francis Coffey, born on May 11, 1916, who served first as a lieutenant, junior grade, then as a lieutenant, senior grade, in the United States Navy in World War II; Ruth Eloise, born on February 1, 1922, now Mrs. J. R. Yeager; and William Ted Coffey, born on May 1, 1931, now (1949) a corporal in the United States Marine Corps.

ERNEST SPOTTSWOOD NUCKOLS—Service to the South has been the slogan of the Nuckols family for generations, and Ernest Spottswood Nuckols, contemporary patriarch of the family, has dedicated his life to maintaining its record for service. From a modest start many years ago Mr. Nuckols has developed the famed E. S. Nuckols and Son Maple Grove Dairy, in which his son, Richard, youngest of his children, is associated with him. The son actively manages the enterprise. Maple Grove dairy products are sold throughout the Shenandoah Valley.

Ernest Spottswood Nuckols was born in Rockbridge County on March 7, 1875, the son of Silas Henry and Betty C. (Roberts) Nuckols. His father, a farmer, served with the Confederate forces in the War Between the States and was permanently disabled by wounds he received in action in the Seven Pines Battle at Richmond.

Mr. Nuckols was educated in the public schools of his native Rockbridge County. He farmed for nine years before he bought what was known as the "Wallace Place", near Lexington. On this place was born "Big Foot" Wallace, famed Indian fighter, who was reared there and afterward

farmed the 165 acres. Mr. Nuckols started the Nuckols Dairy here with two or three cows. As he expanded his business, adding cows and equipment, he also bought additional acreage. Today he has 488 acres and 120 Guernsey cows, as well as sixty heifers. Five tenant employees live on the farm. Since his son Richard joined him in the business, the firm has been known as the E. S. Nuckols and Son Maple Grove Dairy.

Mr. Nuckols married Sally Esther Gillock, the daughter of John Gillock and Sally Davis Gillock, at Clifton Forge, in November, 1898. They became the parents of six children: 1. Henry Raymond Nuckols, born March 15, 1901, now the owner of the H. R. Nuckols Construction Company in Roanoke. 2. Albert Roy Nuckols, who was born February 10, 1903, and died at the age of eighteen months. 3. Ernest Franklin Nuckols, born October 14, 1905, now the owner and manager of the Rockbridge Electric and Radio Company, Lexington. 4. Alice Virginia, born November 9, 1907, now Mrs. Harry Tardy, and a school teacher for many years, her husband serving as assistant superintendent of schools in Lexington. 5. Opal Elizabeth, born September 21, 1912, the wife of Albert Agnor, manager of the Standard Oil Company bulk plant in Lexington. 6. Richard Spottswood Nuckols, born November 13, 1918, his father's partner. The last-named is prominent in the county and the city of Lexington. He serves on the board of directors of the Lexington Junior Chamber of Commerce of which he is a charter member, and is also active in the Knights of Pythias. As partner in the business and as its manager he has become well known throughout the dairy industry in the valley. Mr. Richard S. Nuckols married Frances Murrey of Lexington, Virginia, December 31, 1937. They have three children: i. Richard, Jr. ii. Vicki Sharon. iii. Walter Lawrence.

JOHN KINNEAR DAVIDSON, JR. — Of a family well known throughout Shenandoah Valley, and himself a popular figure among the generation which fought World War II, John Kinnear Davidson, Jr., is making a career in the United States Army. He is currently a first lieutenant attached to the Armored Forces and is stationed at Fort Knox, Kentucky, home of the world's greatest hoard of gold.

Lieutenant Davidson was born at Lexington on April 10, 1926, the son of John Kinnear and Alice Graham (Sterrett) Davidson. His father is a prominent merchant at Lexington. The lieutenant's

maternal great-grandmother, Mrs. Rebecca Willson, was one of the founders and promoters of the Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church on Highway 11, near the old home of General Sam Houston.

Lieutenant Davidson was graduated from the Lexington High School in 1943. Until May, 1944, when he entered the United States Army for his World War II service, he was at Washington and Lee University in Lexington. In the armed forces he was attached to the First Army and served in the European Theater of Operations, participating in the Battle of the Bulge and the Ruhr River campaign. He crossed the Remagen River an hour after it was opened. Lieutenant Davidson was captured in April, 1945, along with his entire company, but was later liberated by the American Army. He was a sergeant at the time of his separation from the service in the Spring of 1946. He had served nearly a year at Fort Meade, Maryland. Lieutenant Davidson, still to attain this commissioned rank, then returned to Washington and Lee University, where in June, 1948, he was granted the degree of Bachelor of Science. Shortly afterwards, he re-entered the United States Army with the commission of a second lieutenant. He was made a member of the armored division at Fort Knox and has since been promoted to first lieutenant. He is thus one of the young men of the nation who is participating not only in American defense but in the larger project—the preservation of the peace. Lieutenant Davidson was business manager of the "Southern Collegian," secretary of the student body, and also editor of "The Columns," the Washington and Lee paper, in his college days. Also, he was elected to Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. He worships in the Presbyterian Church at Lexington.

On April 17, 1948, at Lexington, he married Nancy Regan, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Allen Regan.

LESLIE WILLIAM PULTZ — A well-known figure in the banking business in the Valley, Leslie William Pultz is a teller with the Rockbridge National Bank in Lexington. He has been with banks for three decades and wields considerable influence among both the city and rural populations of Rockbridge County.

Mr. Pultz was born on a farm near Timber Ridge and is the son of Levi Pultz, farmer and veteran of the War Between the States, and Fanny (Holtzman) Pultz. The banker obtained

his education in the public schools of Rockbridge County and at Dunsmore Business College, in Staunton. His early work was in a country general store and later with a lumber company as bookkeeper. When the United States was forced to declare war on the Central Powers in 1917, Mr. Pultz went into the Army and received his training at Camp Lee. He was discharged in 1918, a month after the Armistice.

In 1920 Mr. Pultz became a bookkeeper for the Rockbridge National Bank in Lexington. Two years later, he left this institution—temporarily, as it worked out—to assume the duties of cashier of the First National Bank of Lexington. The First National failed to reopen after the "bank holiday" declared by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt in March, 1933, and Mr. Pultz returned as teller to the Rockbridge National Bank. He has continued in this post to the present time. While active in the community life in general, Mr. Pultz does not belong to many organizations. Fishing is one of his favorite activities, and he is a member of the famed Izaak Walton League. He worships in the Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church.

On August 15, 1925, at Staunton, Mr. Pultz married May McCorkle Alphin, the daughter of Ira Ruffner and Dove (Showalter) Alphin. They became the parents of Eldridge Alphin Pultz on October 1, 1928.

MADISON McCLUNG STERRETT—One of a long line of farmers who have made outstanding contributions to Shenandoah Valley and the nation, Madison McClung Sterrett of Raphine has brought further distinction to his family through exceptional public services. He is not only a farmer, stock breeder and dairyman, but a member of the Rockbridge County Committee of the Production and Marketing Administration, United States Department of Agriculture, and is a leader in virtually every important agricultural movement in the county, as well as in more urban civic activities. His son, Madison McClung Sterrett, III, recently became his partner in the operation of his Grade A milk business.

Mr. Sterrett was born on the Old Sterrett Homestead, located in the area between Lexington and Raphine, in Rockbridge County. His birth date was October 1, 1899, and he is the son of Madison McClung and Laura (Smith) Sterrett. The father, a graduate of Virginia Military Institute, was prominent in the agricultural life of the county. To gain his early education the young Madison McClung Sterrett went to the

county schools near his birthplace. Later, however, he attended John Marshall High School in Richmond.

Mr. Sterrett bought the old Mulberry Grove Farm near Brownsburg in 1927. This property, consisting of 236 acres, he devoted to general farming and livestock breeding until in 1946 he went into dairy farming as a producer of Grade A milk. In May, 1949, joined by his son, he bought the Patterson Farm, and this gave his business an additional 280 acres, and since that time the dairy enterprise has grown considerably. Aside from his service on the county committee of the Production and Marketing Administration, Mr. Sterrett serves as a director of the Rockbridge Farmers Cooperative and of the Artificial Breeding Association of Rockbridge County. He is a former president of the Ruritan Club of Brownsburg and serves on the board of directors of the Rockbridge Mutual Fire Insurance Company. He and his family worship in the New Providence Presbyterian Church at Raphine. He is chairman and member of the board of deacons.

Mr. Sterrett married Edna Watkins Morton, daughter of Charles Reid and Mary (Thompson) Morton, at Fredericksburg on October 12, 1922. Besides the son, they have a daughter, Mary Thompson Sterrett, who was born on December 26, 1923. A graduate of Farmville State Teachers College, Miss Sterrett began teaching at Staunton high school in 1945. Madison McClung Sterrett, III, was born on November 10, 1925. He married Annamarye Lackey of Timber Ridge. The Sterrett family's present home is more than two hundred years old. The main part of the house was built about two hundred years ago and one hundred years later, Mr. Sterrett's great-grandfather, Samuel Willson, built an addition to it.

FREDERICK CLINE WAMPLER, of Harrisonburg, secretary and treasurer of the Wampler Feed and Seed Company, has been engaged most of his life in business enterprises in his own right. He is the originator of the contract poultry feeding system, and is himself active in agricultural pursuits, owning three farms in the Shenandoah Valley, and one farm in the Rio Grande Valley in Texas.

Mr. Wampler was born in Harrisonburg, September 6, 1873, and is a son of John and Katherine (Miller) Wampler. His father, a farmer and stock man by occupation, served in the Confederate States Army during the War Between the States.

Beginning his education locally, in the schoolhouse near Dayton, Virginia, Frederick C. Wampler continued his studies at Bridgewater College, in Virginia.

Mr. Wampler became owner of the F. C. Wampler Grocery in 1915. Formerly known as the Wilson and Wampler Company, Mr. Wampler had started as a partner in the firm in 1913, and two years later bought the other partner's interest to become sole owner. He was identified with the management of the F. C. Wampler Grocery until 1919. On disposing of this valuable business property, he made a short sojourn in Texas, and after his return to his native state, went into partnership with his brothers Charles W. and Joseph D. Wampler in forming the Wampler Feed and Seed Company, with which he has been associated since that time.

In consequence of directing the growing business of this organization, Mr. Wampler has gained a deep insight into the needs of the poultry and seed industries. He has come into prominence in connection with originating the contract poultry feeding system. This program takes care of the feeding of one-half million chickens and one-quarter of a million turkeys. The company, and the farmers who own the poultry, divide the profits of this enterprise. Mr. Wampler understands the problems of the farmer well, through being one of them. He owns three farms, one of which is located in Bridgewater. This farm comprises one hundred and five acres. On it are raised turkeys and chickens, and twenty-five head of cattle. Grain farming is also carried on. Another farm of sixty acres is at Dayton, and this is devoted to grazing. A third farm, of one hundred twenty acres, is located at Timber Ridge near Keezletown. A fourth farm, located in Texas, comprises twenty acres, and produces citrus fruit.

Mr. Wampler is a member of the Rockingham Historical Society, which he serves as treasurer. He is a communicant of the Church of the Brethren in Harrisonburg.

On April 16, 1913, Frederick Cline Wampler married Laura Elizabeth Miller, daughter of G. Edward and Mary Elizabeth (Thomas) Miller. Mr. and Mrs. Wampler are the parents of two daughters: 1. Janet E., who married John Zirkle; they have one daughter, Anna. 2. Rosaline, now Mrs. George Bryan; she has two daughters, Betty and Nancy.

Mr. Wampler's address is 136 West Elizabeth Street, Harrisonburg.

FRANK CUNNINGHAM SWITZER—Representing the third generation of his family to be engaged in the telephone business, Frank Cunningham Switzer is vice-president and general manager of the Harrisonburg Telephone Company. He is highly regarded by his colleagues in the utilities field, and has been elected president for 1949-1950 of the Virginia Independent Telephone Association. Mr. Switzer's father founded the Harrisonburg Telephone Company in 1902.

Mr. Switzer is a native of Harrisonburg, born March 7, 1899. After completing his courses in the public schools of his native town, and two years at Mercersburg Academy, Mercersburg, Pennsylvania, Mr. Switzer then entered Washington and Lee University at Lexington, Virginia, in 1920, and graduated in 1924 with the degree of Bachelor of Science. As an undergraduate, he was a member of Phi Delta Theta, social fraternity, and Omicron Delta Kappa, honorary fraternity.

On completing his formal education, during which he had prepared himself for responsibilities in the technical field, Mr. Switzer joined the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company of Richmond, Virginia, as an employee of the commercial department. When, in November of 1924, his father died, young Mr. Switzer resigned his position to return to Harrisonburg and took over with his brother, G. Fred Switzer, the operation of the telephone company which the elder Switzer had founded.

The origin of the company goes back to 1897 when a group of Rockingham County farmers set up their own telephone exchange to facilitate communication within their county seat; and the switchboard of this miniature utility was set up in the county jail. It is this small beginning which grew into the present company. In 1902, Walter C. Switzer gave the enterprise corporate status, and headed its operations until the time of his death in 1924. He married Sarah Blanche Sherman, and their son, Frank C., is the subject of this sketch.

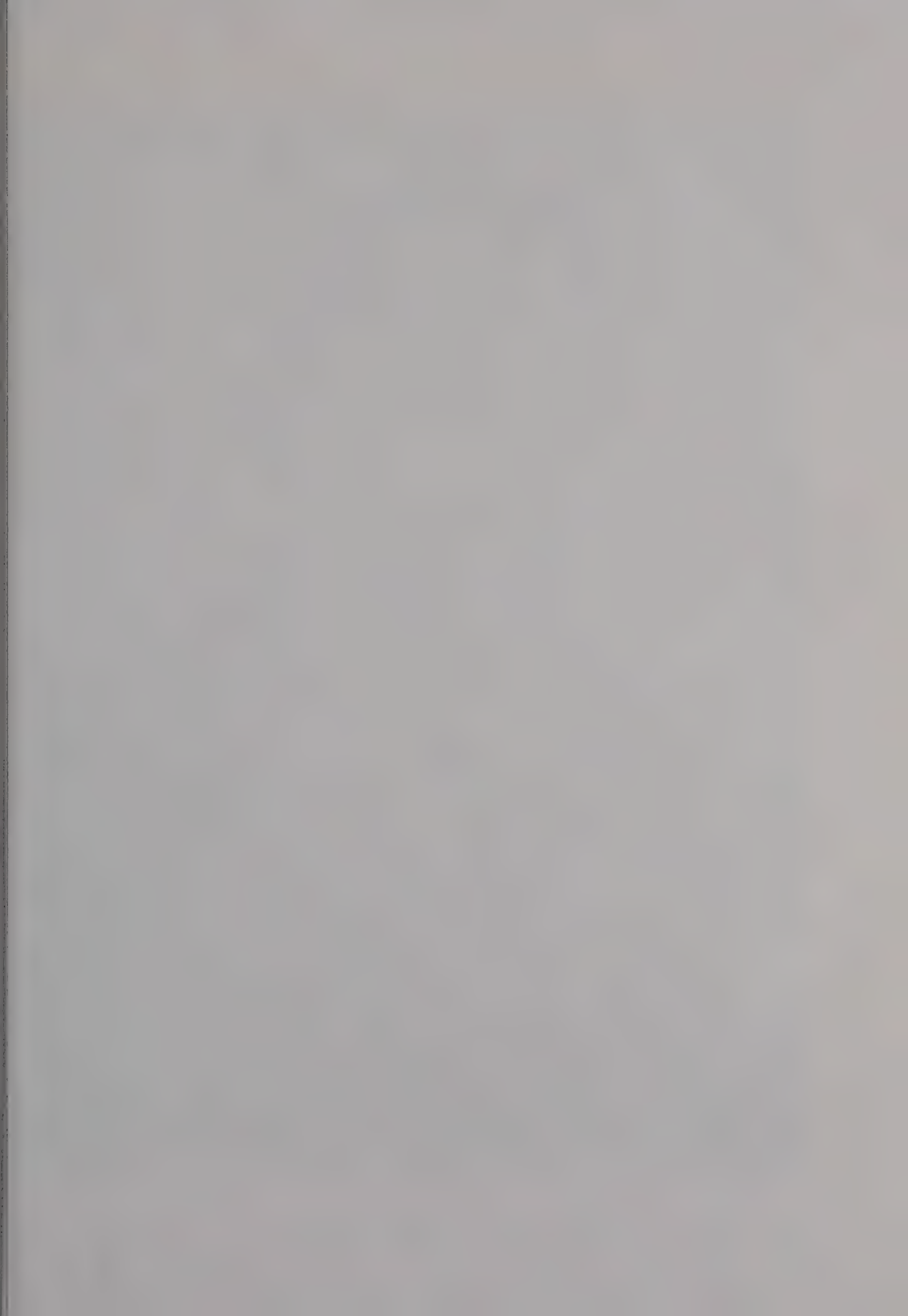
At the time Frank C. Switzer joined the Harrisonburg Telephone Company, his brother, G. Fred Switzer also became identified with the firm. Starting without experience in the technical aspects of telephone company operation, Frank Switzer learned rapidly, and showed marked business ability. He became general manager of the company. In 1946 he was elected vice-president, and continues to hold the position of general manager as well. His brother, G. Fred, is president of the concern. In no small measure due to Mr.

Switzer's skill in handling his responsibilities, the company has grown from one operating five thousand three hundred stations, in 1928, to the present greatly expanded concern of ten thousand stations. The two brothers have done commendable teamwork; and Harrisonburg has them to thank for the excellence of its telephone communications system.

In 1938, Frank C. Switzer, who is vitally interested in programs for the improvement of his city, became a member of the City Planning Commission of Harrisonburg. He assisted in writing the local zoning ordinance. He was elected to the city council the same year, and became chairman of a committee on the reorganization of the city's administrative and financing departments. The code of improvements which Mr. Switzer favored was enacted into law prior to the time of his entrance into the armed services. It has been retained ever since, and has greatly benefited the city of Harrisonburg. Mr. Switzer is also a member of the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce, and he is a member, and past president, of the Rotary Club. For some time he has been identified with the Virginia Independent Telephone Association. He was elected secretary-treasurer of this organization in October, 1947, and holds the office of president for the 1949-1950 term.

Fraternally, Mr. Switzer is a member of the lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and belongs to all Masonic bodies, having attained the highest degrees in the order. He is a member of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, has long been active in its work, and is a member of its consistory. He is also a member of the Commonwealth Club at Richmond, Virginia.

Mr. Switzer was a member of Company C, 116th Infantry, 29th Division of the Virginia National Guard for fifteen years, terminating his period of service in 1941. During those years he rose in rank from private to first lieutenant in the 116th Infantry. In World War II, when this unit of the Guard was inducted into the federal service, on February 3, 1941, he was promoted to the rank of captain and placed in command of his company. For three years, Mr. Switzer was overseas in the European Theater of Operations, with the 29th Division, and later with the 156th Infantry Regiment and continued to advance in rank during that time, to major, and later to lieutenant colonel. He saw battle service in Northern France. When separated from the service, Mr. Switzer accepted a commission in the Signal Corps Reserve. He has been active in the American Legion, and was commander of his Post,





Charles W. Bingham

No. 27, in 1947. He is also a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

For recreation, Mr. Switzer is fond of sports, particularly golfing, and hunting and fishing. He refers to photography as his foremost hobby.

Frank Cunningham Switzer married, June 18, 1929, Mamie Omohundro of Clifton Forge, Virginia, daughter of John Randolph and Ida (Smith) Omohundro. Mr. and Mrs. Switzer have two children, both born in Harrisonburg, Virginia: 1. Ann Omohundro, born December 4, 1934. 2. Sue Cunningham, born July 27, 1936.

Mr. Switzer's address is 122 South Main Street, Harrisonburg.

CHARLES WILLIAM BARGER, SR.—Charles W. Barger and Son, Building Contractors, is a firm at Lexington noted for the contribution it has made to the development of Shenandoah Valley and other regions of the South through the construction of major public edifices, including schools, hospitals and other structures. This firm was founded by Charles W. Barger of Rockbridge County, who is noted not only in the building trades but in numerous other activities. A military veteran of World War I, Mr. Barger helped build housing units for military and civilian personnel in World War II.

Mr. Barger was born in Rockbridge County on October 18, 1896, the son of Rush A. Barger, a farmer in that county. After obtaining his education in the public schools of Rockbridge County, Charles Barger worked at various jobs and for a time was a machinist for the Westinghouse Electric Company in Pittsburgh. Not long after the United States entered World War I, he enlisted in the Army and was trained at Camp Lee, Virginia. He became a sergeant in the Infantry.

In 1922, he founded his present business, first operating under the firm name of C. W. Barger, General Contractor, at Lexington. One of the big projects in the early history of this business was the construction of the Lexington town filter plant. From 1935 to 1940 Mr. Barger built such other structures as the Natural Bridge High School, the Glasgow High School, the Shenandoah grade school, the Monroe High School, the Riverside High School at Covington, the Covington Hospital, the gymnasium at the Fishburne Military Academy and the men's dormitory at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville. In World War II he was at Hampton Roads building housing units for married Army personnel and civilian employees. When his son, Charles W. Barger, Jr.,

a World War II veteran, returned from the service in 1944, he became a member of the firm, the name of which was then changed to its present one, Charles W. Barger and Son, Building Contractors. The senior Mr. Barger is a member of the Virginia Mineral Aggregates Association, the Kiwanis Club of Lexington, the Lexington Post of the American Legion and the Lexington Lodge of the Knights of Pythias, being past chancellor of the last-named organization. He worships in the Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Barger married Lillian A. Withrow, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James S. Withrow. The ceremony took place in Lexington in 1918. There are three children—Margaret Louise, now Mrs. M. R. Beebe, who was born on March 31, 1919; Charles William Barger, Jr., who was born on July 20, 1922, and who was a private in the Corps of Engineers, United States Army; and Lucy Katherine, now Mrs. E. J. Roxbury, who was born on August 20, 1925.

EMANUEL BLOSSER devoted most of the years of his career to the management of the City Produce Exchange. At the time of his retirement in February, 1949, he was one of the most respected citizens of his community, and recognized as one of its most able business men. He holds official position in several banks, and in commercial concerns in his home city of Harrisonburg.

Mr. Blosser was born near that city on October 28, 1877. He is a son of Henry and Sophia (Showalter) Blosser; his father followed the occupation of farmer in Rockingham County not far from Harrisonburg. The first representative of the Blosser family to arrive in this county landed at Philadelphia in 1739. He was the father of twelve children, some of whom went West, others of whom came to Page County, near Stoneyman Mountain. In 1800, the branch of the family to which Emanuel Blosser belongs located in Rockingham County, the great-grandfather of Mr. Blosser being the first member of the family to settle there.

Mr. Blosser was engaged in the management of the City Produce Exchange in Harrisonburg until the time of his retirement in February, 1949, at which time the exchange was liquidated. He retains, however, other important business connections. He was president of the Harrisonburg Loan and Thrift Corporation during 1948-1949, and is director of the National Bank of Harrisonburg. He has been vice-president of the Harrisonburg

Grocery Company, from 1918 to the present time. This is one of the early enterprises of the city, having been founded in 1908-1909.

Mr. Blosser is married, and the father of two children: 1. Julia Nelle, born August 11, 1925. She married James A. Grandle, and they are the parents of two children: i. James Arthur, Jr., born September 20, 1945. ii. Robert Emanuel, born October 14, 1946. 2. Henry Gabriel, born March 16, 1928. He enlisted in the United States Navy in 1946, and served on a submarine, after which he studied at the diesel engineering school conducted by the United States Navy at New London, Connecticut. He held the rank of seaman first class. Henry Gabriel Blosser is now enrolled at the University of Virginia at Charlottesville, where he is majoring in mathematics. Emanuel Blosser's address is 415 North Liberty Street, Harrisonburg.

REESE LORING COVER, JR.—Centering his insurance and bond business in Harrisonburg, Reese Loring Cover, Jr., operates his own firm, known as R. Loring Cover, Jr., Insurance Agency.

Mr. Cover was born November 29, 1913, in Elkton, Virginia, son of Reese Loring and Annie Florence (Palmer) Cover. His father was a tanner in Elkton, following the same line of work in which the grandfather, Jesse Reese Cover, and the great-grandfather, were engaged before him. The family came originally from Carroll County, Maryland.

Reese Loring Cover, Jr., attended Elkton public schools, and then entered Randolph-Macon Academy where he was graduated in 1932. In 1935 he attended Washington and Lee University. After engaging in different types of business activities, Mr. Cover started his own insurance agency, referred to above, in 1940. Hardly had he opened his establishment for business before World War II involved the United States, and during his period of service in the armed forces, the business was continued by his secretary, Miss Mae Shank. After his honorable discharge he again took active charge of it, and he continues to operate it down to the time of writing.

His wartime service began as a pharmacist's mate, second class, in the medical corps. He was stationed at Annapolis and Washington, D. C., with different hospital units, and was attached for a time to the "Retna Mercedes," from which he was transferred to the United States Naval Dispensary, Navy Department, Washington, D. C. He was honorably discharged on January 1, 1946.

Not only has he resumed his business activity since the war, but he has interested himself in the work of different organizations of a civic nature, and has done much to develop the property of "Lorington," situated on Route 1, out of Harrisonburg, which was built in 1868. Here he resides and engages in farming on a small scale, having six head of cattle, all registered Herefords. He keeps two registered bird dogs and is a small game hunter. Formerly he was active in the Kiwanis Club, and he is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Free and Accepted Masons, the Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity, and the Harrisonburg Presbyterian Church.

Reese Loring Cover, Jr., married, February 17, 1940, at Waynesboro, Virginia, Anne Mosby, daughter of Dr. Ernest Mosby and Katie (Bell) Mosby. Her father was a physician. Mr. and Mrs. Cover became the parents of two children: 1. Kathryn Bell, born March 3, 1942. 2. Reese Loring III, born July 7, 1948.

JAMES OTIS STICKLEY has been identified for many years with the implement business in Harrisonburg, and he has become widely known and respected for his participation in civic government. For over two decades, he has been a member of the city council, and he has served as chairman of the finance committee for an equal time. He is president of the National Bank, and actively identified with farming interests. Indeed, Mr. Stickley's career has been that of the well-rounded citizen, whose abilities are devoted to the betterment of the community and the service of its people.

Mr. Stickley was born September 2, 1869 at Cross Keys, Virginia. His birthplace was an old log cabin which had stood through the onslaughts of the War Between the States, and was scarred with shell-holes, the consequence of artillery fire. His parents were Phineas and Mary (Bowman) Stickley, and his father, a farmer by occupation, had served during that war. He held the rank of captain in the 12th Regiment, which later became a component of the 7th Virginia Cavalry, and was wounded three times. After the conflict, he settled in Cross Keys, and he and Mary (Bowman) Stickley became the parents of nine children.

Growing up on his father's farm, James Otis Stickley attended the public schools at Cross Keys and Port Republic, Virginia. As a young man in his teens, he was employed as clerk in a country store, and later went to Baltimore, where he held

the position of traveling salesman for seven years. Some time later, Mr. Stickley located in Harrisonburg, and there purchased an interest in a large implement concern under the corporate designation of W. H. Cunningham and Company. After the death of Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Stickley and his son purchased the Cunningham interest, and have since operated the firm as J. O. Stickley and Company, Inc. They have conducted this business with considerable success since 1928, distributing farm equipment throughout the Shenandoah Valley and maintaining a complete parts and accessories service.

In 1945, James Otis Stickley was elected to represent Rockingham County and the city of Harrisonburg in the House of Delegates of the Commonwealth of Virginia. He was re-elected in 1947 and in 1949, and has continued to ably and devotedly represent the interests of his constituents. During the years he has occupied his seat in the House of Delegates, Mr. Stickley has been assigned to the committees on general laws, finance, immigration, and library, and has never missed roll call during the entire time he has served.

Mr. Stickley has farming interests in his home area. He bought the Dr. Herring farm on Keezletown Road, has completely renovated the home, and now makes it his residence. The name of the property is Meadow View Farm, and it comprises two hundred and forty-five acres. Sheep and cattle are raised here, as well as crops required in livestock raising. In 1949, Mr. Stickley added Conger Farm to his holdings. Its two hundred and twenty-six acres he devotes to grazing his cattle and sheep. Mr. Stickley's son, Dan Chenault, has assumed responsibility for the operation of the farms, and is active likewise in the implement business. James Otis Stickley has largely retired from these interests, particularly since entering upon the duties of public office.

An interesting long-term business connection of Mr. Stickley's is the Rockingham Home Mutual Fire Insurance Company. This concern was organized by local citizens eighty years ago, and Mr. Stickley has been connected with it for over fifty of those years. Its policy holders now hold fifteen million dollars' worth of fire insurance with the company. Mr. Stickley is its president, and has held that office for forty years. He is also president of the National Bank of Harrisonburg.

Mr. Stickley's record of public service has not been confined to his representation in the House of Delegates. He was for twenty-two years a member of the Harrisonburg city council, and was

for twenty years chairman of its finance committee. He was active in this latter position in 1916, when his community assumed the rank of second-class city. He is now chairman of the city's zoning appeals board and has been since its organization.

His membership in local organizations include the Kiwanis. He is a communicant of the Presbyterian Church in Harrisonburg, and has served as moderator during the absence of its pastor.

James Otis Stickley married Roberta Turner of Front Royal, Virginia, on March 20, 1903, who died November 2, 1934. There is one son, Dan Chenault, who was born June 20, 1904 at Fort Republic, Virginia. He attended Virginia Military Institute at Lexington, and became identified with his father in the operations of the farm equipment firm of J. O. Stickley and Son, Inc. He has also been active in the family's agricultural enterprises. Dan Chenault Stickley is married and the father of two sons: i. Dan, Jr., born at Harrisonburg, Virginia, June 19, 1931. ii. William Sproul, born also at Harrisonburg, Virginia, April 9, 1933. Dan Chenault Stickley married Katherine L. Sproul of Augusta County, Virginia on June 30, 1930, and they reside at 67 South Mason Street, Harrisonburg.

JOSEPH MINTZER—Widely known as one of the successful businessmen of Harrisonburg and this region of Virginia, Joseph Mintzer operates the Metro Pants Company, manufacturers of a fine grade of trousers. This company has grown and expanded with the years, and now has a national outlet for its merchandise, which it distributes throughout the forty-eight states of the Union.

Mr. Mintzer was born March 18, 1891, in Austria, son of Mordechi and Liha (Magulis) Mintzer. His father was a merchant and businessman.

Coming to the United States in 1905, Joseph Mintzer lived in Brooklyn, New York, for a considerable period, starting to work as a stock boy with the Novelty Clothing Company, in New York City, at an early age. Afterward he held different jobs with that company, increasing his skill in the trade and becoming an excellent cutter, then a clothing designer. Until the early 1920s he served as a designer with different boys' clothing manufacturing houses in New York City. In 1918 and 1919 Mr. Mintzer was in the 306th Field Artillery Regiment, stationed at Camp Upton, Long Island. Returning to civilian life, he became production

manager for a New York trouser manufacturing firm, then started his own business on a small scale in New York City under the name of the J and J Pants Company. Later he sold this business and formed a partnership known as Stein and Mintzer, which continued operation for three years until the "crash" of 1929, when he liquidated this interest.

In 1932 Mr. Mintzer organized the Metro Pants Company, which he at first conducted in New York City. Five years later, in 1937, he started operations in Harrisonburg, while still retaining a New York City sales office. When he first came to Virginia, he had 8,000 square feet of floor space and employed fifty workers. In another five years he was utilizing 15,000 square feet, and by 1946 he was able to build a new modern two-story plant containing 26,000 square feet of floor area. He now employs 220 people to meet a country-wide demand for his product, and has a payroll of about \$8500 to \$9000 a week. During World War II, Mr. Mintzer's company supplied the armed forces with trousers for the United States Army. He takes a deep interest in the general affairs of his community, being a member of the boards of directors of both the Harrisonburg Lions' Club and the local Chamber of Commerce. A Democrat in his political alignment, he is a local committeeman of his party. He is president of Hose Company No. 4 in Harrisonburg, which he has headed since 1947. He is a member of the Virginia State Manufacturers Association and vice-chairman of its local affiliate in Harrisonburg. He also belongs to the American Legion and is a member of the house committee of the Harrisonburg lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Mr. Mintzer is justly proud of his business attainment and the fine plant of the Metro Pants Company. He tries to do everything possible to provide fair and equitable working conditions for his employees. He participates extensively in local and county charitable drives and is generous in his contributions to community welfare. He serves on the board of directors of Hebrew Friendship Congregation in Harrisonburg.

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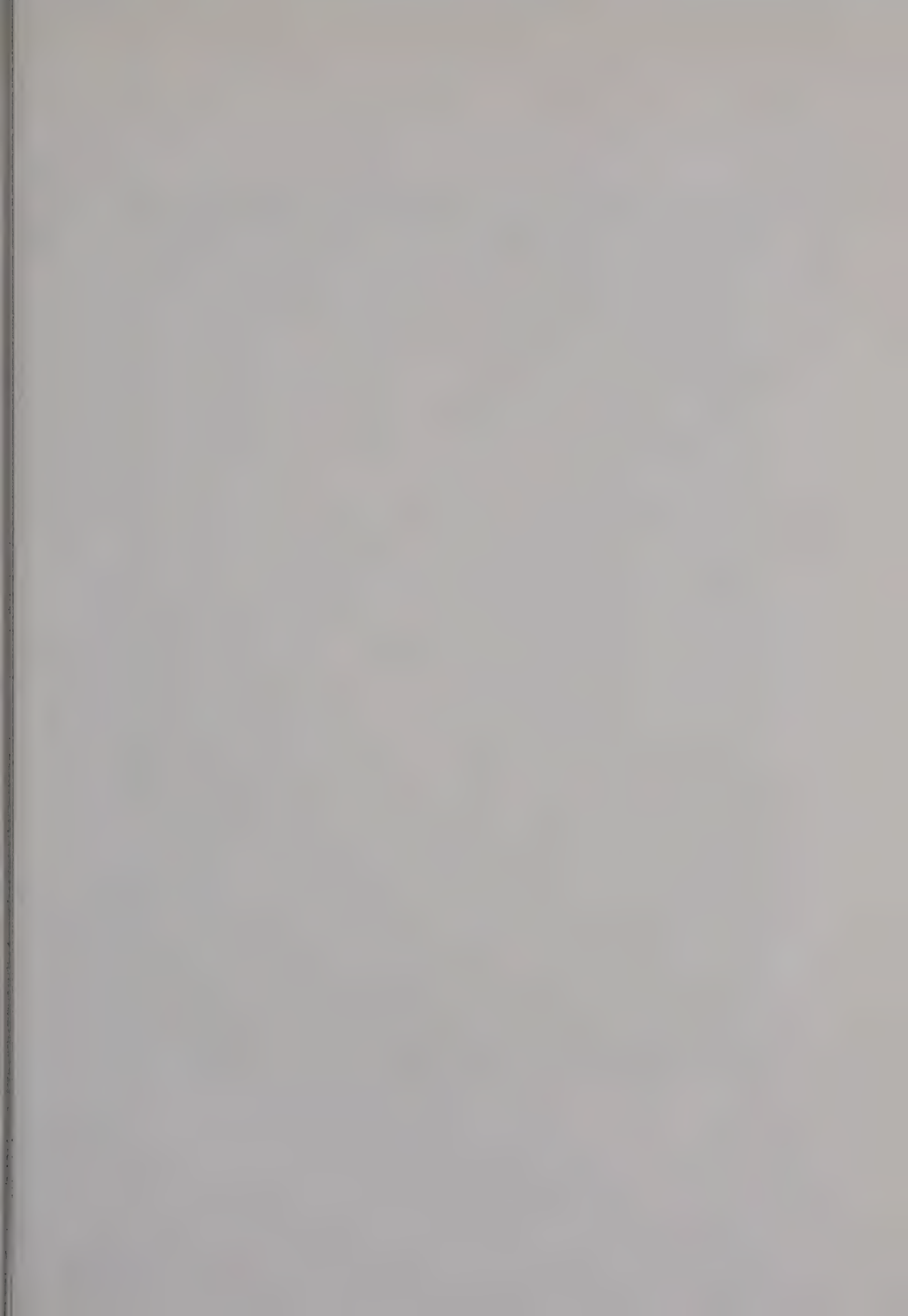
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He was born August 22, 1885 in Marksville, Page County, son of Jesse Walter and Elizabeth (Biedler) Smith. His father, who was a farmer, was born January 14, 1854, at New Windsor, Maryland; and his mother, on August 8, 1861, at Marksville. Mr. Smith's paternal grandparents were John J. and Sarah (Quigley) Smith; and his maternal grandparents, Martin and Mary (Brumback) Biedler. It was at the homestead of the Biedlers that Claude V. Smith spent his early years, and he attended Page Valley Academy and Luray High School. He continued his education at Eastern College, and began his business career in stores located in Luray and Roanoke, where he gained much valuable experience in the merchandising field. In Roanoke, he finally opened a grocery store in his own name.

He next identified himself with the firm of T. P. Yager, Inc., at Cross Keys and Penn Laird, and during this period likewise engaged in farming. For a number of years he has resided in Harrisonburg, and there from the early years of his residence he has engaged in the merchandising field. His interests have continually expanded, however, and he has become equally prominent in banking and in co-operatives and other groups of importance to farmers. He is a director of the National Bank of Harrisonburg, and likewise a director of Frozen Foods, Inc., the United Wool Growers Association, and Rockingham Petroleum Co-operative. He is secretary-treasurer and manager of the Rockingham Co-operative Farm Bureau, Inc., and this position alone has given him wide influence, and much prestige, particularly among the farming groups of the upper Shenandoah Valley. Mr. Smith was formerly identified also with the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation and with the Richmond Hospital Service Association. He remains a trustee of the Rockingham Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Smith is fraternally affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. He is a Presbyterian in his religious faith, and serves his church as an elder. In his political views Mr. Smith is a loyal Republican, though despite his popularity in the region he has never sought public office.



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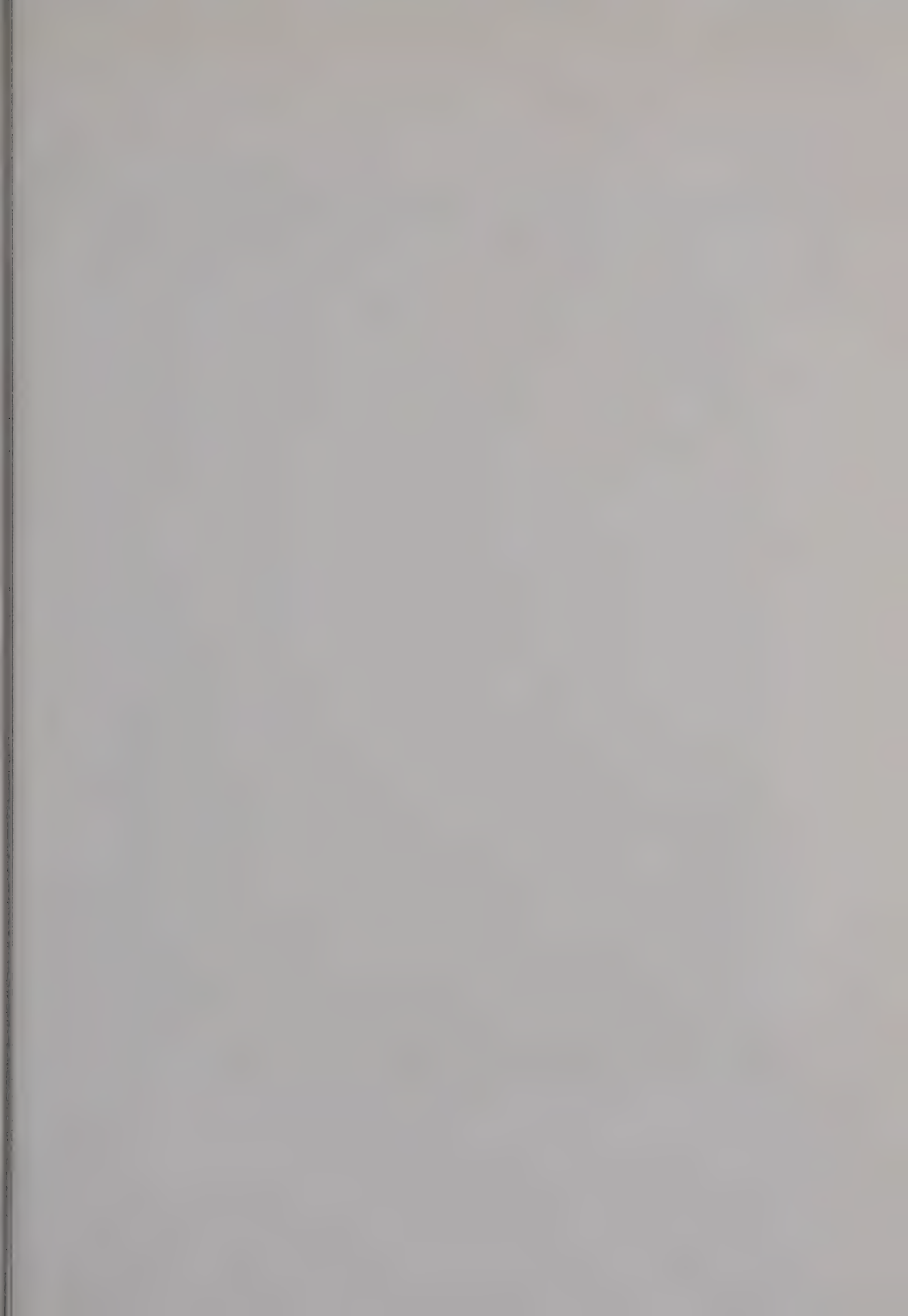
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many groups in the locality of his home city of Harrisonburg. Mr. Smith has himself had merchandising experience, and has engaged in agricultural pursuits, so that he has a thorough understanding of the problems of production and distribution.

He was born August 22, 1885 in Marksville, Page County, son of Jesse Walter and Elizabeth (Biedler) Smith. His father, who was a farmer, was born January 14, 1854, at New Windsor, Maryland; and his mother, on August 8, 1861, at Marksville. Mr. Smith's paternal grandparents were John J. and Sarah (Quigley) Smith; and his maternal grandparents, Martin and Mary (Brumback) Biedler. It was at the homestead of the Biedlers that Claude V. Smith spent his early years, and he attended Page Valley Academy and Luray High School. He continued his education at Eastern College, and began his business career in stores located in Luray and Roanoke, where he gained much valuable experience in the merchandising field. In Roanoke, he finally opened a grocery store in his own name.

He next identified himself with the firm of T. P. Yager, Inc., at Cross Keys and Penn Laird, and during this period likewise engaged in farming. For a number of years he has resided in Harrisonburg, and there from the early years of his residence he has engaged in the merchandising field. His interests have continually expanded, however, and he has become equally prominent in banking and in co-operatives and other groups of importance to farmers. He is a director of the National Bank of Harrisonburg, and likewise a director of Frozen Foods, Inc., the United Wool Growers Association, and Rockingham Petroleum Co-operative. He is secretary-treasurer and manager of the Rockingham Co-operative Farm Bureau, Inc., and this position alone has given him wide influence, and much prestige, particularly among the farming groups of the upper Shenandoah Valley. Mr. Smith was formerly identified also with the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation and with the Richmond Hospital Service Association. He remains a trustee of the Rockingham Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Smith is fraternally affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. He is a Presbyterian in his religious faith, and serves his church as an elder. In his political views Mr. Smith is a loyal Republican, though despite his popularity in the region he has never sought public office.





Norman Sigmon

At Keezletown, Virginia, April 13, 1911, Claude Virgil Smith married Kathryn Keezell, who was born in that community on August 2, 1890 and was a daughter of Senator George B. Keezell and Kathryn (Hanna) Keezell. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have become the parents of four children, all born at Cross Keys: 1. George Bernard, born November 10, 1912. He attended Timber Ridge School, Harrisonburg High School, and Virginia Polytechnic Institute, and received the degree of Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute in 1935. He received a commission of second lieutenant in the Officers Reserve Corps, United States Army, was commissioned a first lieutenant in 1938, and was called into active service on May 6, 1941. Lieutenant Smith was at Pearl Harbor at the time of the infamous attack of December 7, 1941. Later in World War II he was promoted to the rank of captain, and served in the European theater—England, France and Germany. He was in service altogether four years and eight months, and served with anti-aircraft automatic weapons and gun batteries. 2. Martha, born August 22, 1915. After completing her courses at Harrisonburg High School, she entered William and Mary College, from which she transferred to Madison College, graduating in 1938. On August 24, 1939, she married William L. Coleman, and they are the parents of two children: i. William Logan, Jr., born at Charlottesville, June 3, 1940. ii. Claude Smith, born March 13, 1945, also at Charlottesville. 3. Claude Virgil, Jr., who was born April 24, 1917. He is a graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute, class of 1941, degree of Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Economics. Holding a commission of second lieutenant in the Reserves from the time of his graduation, he was called into active service on July 1, 1941. In June, 1942, he received his captain's commission. He was later stationed at Fort Eustis, Virginia, as executive officer of the 14th Battalion, and on shipping overseas was assigned to the Ninth Infantry Division, 47th Infantry Regiment. He served for eleven months with this outfit, participating in action in Central Europe and the Rhineland and serving as an anti-aircraft officer on duty with the infantry. He saw his first action at the famed Remagen Bridgehead in the Rhineland, and attained the rank of captain. On June 28, 1941, Claude Virgil Smith, Jr., married Gwendolyn Huffman of Harrisonburg. They are the parents of two children: i. James Edward, born October 12, 1943 at Wilmington, North Carolina. ii. Claudia Starr, born

May 28, 1948, at Harrisonburg. 4. Edward Lee, born June 2, 1919. He graduated from Virginia Polytechnic Institute with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering, and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the United States Army Reserves on his graduation. Called to active duty July 1, 1941, he was commissioned a first lieutenant in April, 1942, and later, like his elder brothers, attained the rank of captain. State-side, he served at Fort Eustis as assistant post adjutant, post headquarters, and in combat in the European theater was with the Fifth Armored Division as anti-aircraft officer. He saw action in France, Germany and Luxembourg, in Belgium and Holland, and participated in the historic Battle of the Bulge. He landed at Omaha Beach about three weeks after D-day, was later at Cherbourg, and joined the Third Army at St. Lo. He remained with that command until the action in the Falaise pocket. He is married, and the father of two children: i. Edward Lee, born December 22, 1947, at Ames, Iowa. ii. Kathryn Shelly, born October 22, 1949, at Los Angeles, California.

JAMES HERMAN SIGMON—Prominent in the coterie of younger men who contribute so importantly to the modern development of Roanoke, James Herman Sigmon has made a career of the real estate business with which he became identified a few years after leaving college. The firm of which he is a partner, Sigmon Brothers, is outstanding in the field of realty and general insurance. A man of marked public spirit, he is active in several civic organizations, is a popular clubman and is affiliated with fraternal orders.

James Herman Sigmon was born in Franklin County, Virginia, on August 20, 1912, son of James Calloway and Mary Melinda Sigmon, his father being a builder and developer of real estate. Educated in the public schools, Jefferson High School, and Roanoke College, his first employment of note was that of salesman with the Roanoke Clover Creamery Company, 1932-35. In the latter-named year he became associated with his three brothers as a partner in Sigmon Brothers, dealers in real estate and general insurance. Few men are better informed concerning realty value in the Roanoke area, or wiser advisers of purchasers and owners of properties, city and county.

Mr. Sigmon is a member of the Roanoke Real Estate Board, serving as its president since 1948, re-elected in 1949 for 1950. This can also be said of his connection with the Exchange Club of the

city, wherein he was elected president in 1948 and re-elected to the office in 1949. He is vice-president of the Virginia Real Estate Association for 1950 and was elected director of the National Association of Real Estate Boards in 1950. He belongs to the Touchdown Club, the Hidden Valley Country Club, and is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias, the D.O.K.K., and the United Commercial Travelers. He attends the First Baptist Church of the city.

In the First Baptist Church, Roanoke, Virginia, on July 31, 1939, James Herman Sigmon married Cecile Agnes Harvey, daughter of James Edward and Nellie B. Harvey. Mr. and Mrs. Sigmon are the parents of three children: 1. Mary Lynn, born March 2, 1943. 2. Joyce Harvey, born July 27, 1944. 3. James Herman, Jr., born March 14, 1948.

PAUL R. SIGMON—Man of affairs, who has entered a wide variety of activities in Roanoke, Paul R. Sigmon has attained a noteworthy reputation in business circles and for his cooperation with civic, humanitarian and social organizational projects. A Virginian, he was born at Ferrum, Franklin County, on March 21, 1903, son of James C. and Mary Melinda (Ninnie) (Via) Sigmon, his father being a farmer and building contractor, of the well-known firm of Sigmon and Reynolds.

As a youth, Paul R. Sigmon became an assistant clerk with the Roanoke Clover Creamery, after he had attended the Franklin County schools. Before he became of age he struck out for California where, from 1922 to 1924, he engaged in the restaurant trade. Florida was having a real estate boom and he crossed the continent to try his hand in this vocation in the Sunshine State, at Lakeland. Booms go bust, and Mr. Sigmon left the deep South to seek opportunity and fortune in a more established place, and found it in the Roanoke of his boyhood. He liked the real estate business and in Roanoke engaged in it with the firm of Sigmon and Kefauver.

Paul R. Sigmon was one of those fortunate men who recognized what he could do best before wasting too much time in fields that looked greener. He was successful in his realty endeavors; and in 1934 he and his three brothers established the firm of Sigmon Brothers, that has since been a prominent factor in the handling of real estate—sales, rentals and management—and general insurance. Paul R. Sigmon, appreciating the value

of specialization, has, since 1936, devoted himself almost exclusively to the insurance department of the firm with remarkable success.

Mr. Sigmon is exceptionally well known for his activities and interests outside of business. He figures prominently in the Roanoke Kiwanis Club and other business groups, and in fraternal orders, being a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, including the higher bodies of the Order, and Kazim Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He belongs to Mountain Dale Lodge, No. 49, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is Past Noble Grand; Magic City Encampment, No. 33, Canton No. 10, of which he is Past Chief Patriarch; Rachel Rebekah Lodge, No. 4; Past Chancellor Commander of Roanoke Lodge No. 133, Knights of Pythias; Royal Vizier Dramatic Order of Knights of Khorassan; Magic City Temple No. 12, Pythian Sisters; and El Ahmar of Santha No. 65. He is not without military experience for he served with the 90th Division, 357th Regiment Infantry, stationed at Camp Barkley, Texas, in the Second World War. Very close to his heart is the Roanoke Life Saving and First Aid Crew, the unique organization that was started in 1928, the first of its kind in America. Its purpose was and is implied in its name. To belong to its limited membership is an honor that must be earned by adequate serious training in methods and means of saving human lives under a wide variety of crises. Mr. Sigmon is treasurer and belongs to the Virginia Association of Rescue Squads, the International Rescue and First Aid Association, and long has been first aid instructor in the Red Cross Society. He is secretary of the Roanoke Society of Safety Engineers; member of Post No. 3, American Legion, member of the Roanoke Aviation Club, and the Hidden Valley Country Club. He belongs to the Roanoke Association of Insurance Agents, the Virginia Association of Insurance Agents, the Roanoke Real Estate Board, the Virginia Real Estate Board and the National Association of Real Estate Boards. His religious affiliations are with the Calvary Baptist Church of the city, serving it as an usher and formerly teaching a Bible Class in the Sunday school.

On July 15, 1944, at Roanoke, Virginia, Paul R. Sigmon married Dorothy Beatrice Hall, daughter of Arthur E. and Nora Hall. Mr. and Mrs. Sigmon are the parents of two daughters, both born at Roanoke: 1. Dorothy Ann, born May 30, 1947. 2. Paula Marie, born August 28, 1949.



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KARL RUSSELL ALEXANDER — As secretary-treasurer of the Harrisonburg Wholesale Meat Company, Inc., Karl Russell Alexander is engaged in the distribution of fresh and cured meats, cheese and related items of food. This company serves an area extending over a fifty-mile radius from Harrisonburg, operating a fleet of refrigerator trucks.

Mr. Alexander was born July 4, 1900, in Grottoes, Virginia, son of James D. and Myrtie S. (Berry) Alexander. His mother died September 10, 1927 at High Point, North Carolina. His father is a retail grocer at Grottoes. Karl Russell Alexander attended elementary school at Grottoes, then attended high school at Weyer's Cave in 1919. Later, in 1924, he took a Commercial course at Dunsmore Business College in Staunton and graduated June 10, 1924. His first employment was as credit manager with the Rockingham Garage. After two years in that capacity, he became a bookkeeper with J. E. Good and Sons, a Harrisonburg sheet metal firm, remaining with them for twelve years until 1940. It was in that year that he became associated with O. R. Snyder in the operation of the Harrisonburg Wholesale Meat Company Inc., of which he is now secretary-treasurer. This company sells fresh meats at wholesale, and distributes a variety of cured meats, cheeses, and other foods. The Harrisonburg Wholesale Meat Company's trucks cover a territory ranging northward as far as Strasburg and southward as far as Lexington.

In addition to his work as secretary-treasurer of this company, Mr. Alexander takes a deep interest in local organizations, particularly the Harrisonburg Rotary Club, of which he was made president for 1949-1950. He has also been active in Boy Scout work for more than a dozen years, being district chairman of the organization for the Rockingham-Harrisonburg area at the time of writing, as well as chairman of Harrisonburg's Troop No. 2. He is a member of the Harrisonburg Methodist Church and a member of its official board and was its chairman for two years. He also has sung in the choir for more than fifteen years.

Karl Russell Alexander married, October 28, 1924, in Port Republic, Virginia, Odessa G. Garrett, born September 23, 1901 at Wheatfield, Virginia, daughter of William H. Garrett born in Frederick County, September 11, 1856, and Phyllena (Hawkins) Garrett, born in Hampshire County, West Virginia, August 30, 1867 and died July 14, 1915. Mr. and Mrs. Alexander became

the parents of three children: 1. Betty B., born August 12, 1926, at Grottoes, wife of Henry C. Williams. 2. Karl R., Jr., born September 1, 1928, at Harrisonburg. 3. James W., born November 15, 1933, at Harrisonburg.

EDWIN GEARY CRIST, II—Returning from four years active service with the United States Army during World War II, Edwin Geary Crist, II, has become associated with the Berry Lumber and Supply Company, Inc., of Harrisonburg. Mr. Crist had previous valuable experience with the federal government's Photo Geodetic Survey, and with Eastern Airlines, both in the nation's capital, and he is now active as a fraternalist and in veterans' groups.

Born April 19, 1921, Mr. Crist is a native of Harrisonburg. His parents are Clarence Foster and Anna (Dean) Crist, and his father has long been engaged in the wholesale grocery, brokerage and clothing businesses in that city. Clarence F. Crist is a veteran of World War I, during which he served with the American Expeditionary Forces.

In his native Harrisonburg, Edwin Geary Crist, II, received his education, and he graduated from the high school there in 1939. He then attended Duke University where he was enrolled from 1940 to 1942. His college education was terminated, however, by his entrance into the army in 1942. He enlisted in the rank of private, and was first stationed at Camp Wheeler, Georgia, after which he attended noncommissioned officers' school. Graduating with the rank of sergeant, he continued his studies at officers' candidate school at Fort Benning, Georgia, which prepares officers for commissions in the United States Infantry. On the completion of his courses at Fort Benning, he received his commission as second lieutenant, and was assigned to the 100th Infantry Division as a platoon leader. He joined the 29th division at Plymouth, England, and thereafter became instructor with a mobile intelligence unit, with the rank of second lieutenant. While in England, he was promoted to a first lieutenancy, and after being returned for a brief period of time to the United States to attend intelligence school, he returned overseas, being stationed this time in the European Theater of Operations and being engaged in intelligence work with the 102nd Division, on its G-2 staff. He was promoted to the rank of captain, and served with his outfit throughout the European campaign, through France and

Germany as the American troops advanced. He was relieved of active duty on November 18, 1945, and is now a member of the Officers Reserve Corps. He participated in three campaigns and for gallantry in action, he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal.

Returning to civilian life, Mr. Crist was for a period of six months, in 1946, a junior engineer with the Photo Geodetic Survey of the United States Government in Washington, D. C. He thereafter joined Eastern Airlines, at that corporation's offices in the capital city, and was employed there in space control work until March, 1947.

From that time dates Mr. Crist's association with the Berry Lumber and Supply Company, Inc., which brought him to Harrisonburg, Virginia. He has already taken a place of prominence among Harrisonburg executives, and being a member of the Rotary, serves as member of the board of directors of the Harrisonburg club and has recently been made vice-president. He is fraternally identified with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and is a member of Kappa Alpha fraternity. As a veteran of the second World War, he is an interested member of the American Legion post, and he belongs also to the Reserve Officers Association, which he served as president during 1949-1950. Mr. Crist and his family are communicants of the Methodist Church in Harrisonburg.

In Harrisonburg on October 17, 1942, Edwin Geary Crist, II, married Doris Jean Berry, daughter of Weldon W. and Myree (McFall) Berry. Mr. and Mrs. Crist are the parents of two sons, Edwin Geary, III, who was born April 18, 1945, and Douglas Alan, born February 8, 1950.

Mr. Crist's address is 1471 Bluestone Street, Harrisonburg.

ODA FRANKLIN FOLEY, D.V.M.—A Doctor of Veterinary Medicine and poultry and animal specialist practicing in Harrisonburg, Dr. Oda F. Foley has also distinguished himself as a civic leader, and as an able business man. He has been mayor and councilman of Bridgewater, director of the Harrisonburg Chamber of Commerce, and president of the Ace Block and Supply Company of the latter city. He opened his animal hospital there in 1940.

Dr. Foley, who is a native of Mount Sidney, was born March 12, 1890, and is a son of David Addison and Louisa Catherine (McKee) Foley of Augusta County. He is a grandson of Samuel Henry and Sarah (Sheets) Foley, and of Simon

Peter and Susan (Thomas) McKee. He started school at St. Michael's south of Bridgewater in Rockingham County, but most of his early schooling was obtained in Augusta at Middlebrook. From 1912 to 1915 he attended the McKillip Veterinary College in Chicago, Illinois, and later was a special student at Bridgewater College. He graduated from the Chicago institution in 1915 and practiced veterinary medicine in Bridgewater from that time until 1934, moving to Harrisonburg September 1, 1934. During his nineteen years in that community, Dr. Foley served on the town council for six years, was town treasurer for two years, and mayor of Bridgewater for four years.

In 1934, Dr. Foley opened office in Harrisonburg. In 1938 he purchased a site on West Water Street in that city and there constructed an animal hospital, which he operated in connection with his general practice of veterinary medicine. His leadership in his own field throughout the Shenandoah Valley is indicated by the number of his responsibilities which have been dependent upon his professional qualifications. He was president of the Virginia Veterinary Association during 1938-1939. For five years he was poultry inspector at the Virginia State Fair. His name is the foremost one associated with eliminating Bang's disease and bovine tuberculosis from Rockingham and Augusta Counties. He has been a member of a number of farmers' organizations in his home county, and is considered a pioneer in poultry practice in the state.

Dr. Foley is a director of the Harrisonburg Chamber of Commerce, carrying on the high caliber of civic activities which made him one of the leading citizens of Bridgewater. He retained an interest in the Bridgewater Rotary Club until 1945 and the Chamber of Commerce, the latter of which he served at one time as secretary; since 1945, he has belonged to the Harrisonburg Rotary. For a number of years he has been a director of the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Chamber of Commerce, and has served on various of its committees.

For some years also he has been vice-president of the Bridgewater Creamery and Ice Corporation, proving himself an able executive. More recently he became president of the Ace Block and Supply Company of Harrisonburg, a firm which engages in the manufacture of cinder blocks and building supplies.

Dr. Foley is fraternally identified with the United Commercial Travelers. He is a communicant of the Church of the Brethren, having, in

his earlier years been at various times a Lutheran and a Presbyterian. He is a devoted worker for his present denomination, of which he has been a loyal member since 1915, and serves on various committees and boards of the church; his wife is a deaconess and he is a deacon. He is a Mason and a member of the Blue Lodge and Royal Arch Chapter.

Dr. Foley has a great interest in attending professional lectures and meetings, particularly in a field of medicine related to his own. In addition to his other successful enterprises of a commercial nature, he and his family have operated a tourists' home for over twenty years. During the years of World War II he served in the civilian capacity of airplane spotter.

On July 5, 1915, Oda Franklin Foley, D.V.M., married Barbara Anna Huffman, who was born near Staunton, Virginia, April 19, 1887, daughter of Samuel L. and Mary J. (Craun) Huffman. Mrs. Foley attended Augusta County schools, Madison College, and graduated from Bridgewater College in 1914. For six years before her marriage she taught in the public schools of Virginia and Iowa. Dr. and Mrs. Foley, who reside at 285 Newman Ave., Harrisonburg, are the parents of three children: 1. Alma Winnifred, born August 18, 1916; married Jesse A. Cash, and they have a daughter, Joyce Ann Cash. 2. Ferne Amelia, born June 27, 1922; married September 19, 1944, to Ernest A. Garber, and they have a daughter, Paula Lynn Garber. 3. Oda Franklin, Jr., born October 22, 1925.

WINSTON ODELL WEAVER—A young man in the contracting field is Winston Odell Weaver, who is connected with the Rockingham Construction Company of Harrisonburg in the dual capacities of office executive and supervisor of construction in the field. He is secretary and assistant treasurer of the corporation, and brings to its management a thorough education in both the technical and business aspects of such work.

Born December 15, 1921 at Hinton, Virginia, Mr. Weaver is a son of Marion R. and Annie R. (Shank) Weaver. His father, long engaged in the contracting field, is president of the Rockingham Construction Company. The son received his early education in grammar school at McGaheysville, Virginia, and was graduated from the Eastern Mennonite High School in Harrisonburg, Virginia, in 1939. There followed a period of practical experience in business; but in 1946, Mr.

Weaver completed courses at Bridgewater College leading to a degree of Bachelor of Arts and has taken specialized courses in building construction from International Correspondence Schools.

From childhood on, Mr. Weaver was employed each summer in a creamery conducted by his father, and through his work at this establishment, the Valley Creamery, he familiarized himself with all phases of that business. During the war years, he was in Norristown, Pennsylvania, as an assistant supervisor at the Norristown State Hospital. This service covered the years 1942 to 1944; and during 1944-1945, he was employed at the same hospital in the accounting department.

Upon his return from Pennsylvania in 1945, he entered the construction business which his father had operated with considerable success, and his first work was with a rural distribution crew. In 1948, Winston Odell Weaver was made secretary and assistant treasurer of the Rockingham Construction Company, Inc., the corporate designation of the enterprise founded by Marion R. Weaver. In addition to his responsibilities in the offices of the company, Winston Odell Weaver supervises work in the field. Indicative of the nature and scope of the projects undertaken by the corporation is the fact that in 1948 it was awarded a million-dollar contract in Western North Carolina, involving rural power distribution; and this contract it has now completed, in addition to other comparable construction in the state of Virginia, and in Delaware and Maryland. It is a rapidly growing concern which is contributing appreciably to the development of the modern Shenandoah Valley region.

At Cumberland, Maryland, July 18, 1942, Winston Odell Weaver married Phyllis Burnette Livengood, daughter of Myron J. and Freda (Yoder) Livengood. Mr. and Mrs. Weaver have two children: 1. Winston Odell, II, born March 17, 1945. 2. Marion Steven, born March 17, 1948.

NOAH RAYMOND SHEETZ has fully realized the possibilities of successful merchandising in the small community of McGaheysville, and where others have failed, he is conducting a profitable retail outlet as "Sheetz Grocery". Mr. Sheetz also has a variety of other interests, including agriculture, civic work, and youth leadership.

Mr. Sheetz, who is a native of Mt. Calvary, near Woodstock, Virginia, was born July 31, 1899, and is a son of Asa Allen and Mary Elizabeth (Dirting) Sheetz. His father was a farmer, fruit

grower and taxidermist at Mt. Calvary, and also took a lively interest in civic affairs. After education in the grade schools of his native community, Noah Raymond Sheetz attended high school at Mt. Calvary for one year. It was necessary for him, however, as one used to the responsibilities which fall to a youth in a farm family, to obtain his education between crop seasons, and when he could be spared from agricultural duties. The farm, which encompassed seventy-five acres, had been in the Sheetz family ever since it had been settled by Noah Sheetz's great-grandfather. After remaining there until he was twenty-eight years of age, he entered the employ of the Culpeper Produce Company, buying produce from the farmers on behalf of that company until 1930. He then became associated with the Virginia State Highway Department as a truck driver, and thus spent the years until 1936, most of his work being within the confines of the Shenandoah Valley.

During this period of his work for the state, Mr. Sheetz saw the possibilities for commercial endeavor in McGaheysville, and to make a start in his own enterprise there, he sublet a gasoline station which he operated until November, 1943. This endeavor he had started with one hundred dollars capital, with the Texas Oil Company co-operating by installing the gasoline section on credit. On the site of this business, and on the strength of the good relations he established with the public there, he ventured also into the grocery business. This was deemed a considerable business risk, to judge by the experience of others who had preceded him in the attempt; but by 1943 he had succeeded so well that removal to larger quarters was necessary to keep pace with the increasing volume of trade. In that year he established himself in his present location, and discontinued the sale of gasoline, devoting his entire efforts to general merchandising under the name of Sheetz Grocery.

Mr. Sheetz has never lost his interest in agricultural activities. He is the owner of a ten-acre farm near McGaheysville, whose efficient modern farm buildings were constructed in 1939. Here he has eighteen head of cattle, pigs and chickens.

Taking an active interest in the affairs of his community, Mr. Sheetz has served for six years as chairman of the local school board, and he was justice of the peace from 1938 to 1942. He is also trustee and supervisor of the Mount Olive Cemetery, and chairman of the board of six trustees, in which capacity he is responsible for its upkeep, the sale of lots, and other such details

of operation. He has taken a no less constructive interest in the work of his church. He was superintendent of Mt. Calvary Union Sunday School from 1925 to 1931. Long devoted to work with young people, it was Mr. Sheetz who was responsible for the "Youth Center" in his town. He bought from the Lutheran synod certain church property which had been unused, whose value had depreciated, and which had grown up to weeds. This property he improved, and it was subsequently returned to the church as a site for the present Youth Center. He has been for four years a member of the board of deacons of the Muhlenberg Lutheran Church in Harrisonburg, and he is now a member of the Lutheran Church at Harrisonburg, and active in the work of the church at McGaheysville.

Mr. Sheetz is a member of the Ruritan Club, and is treasurer of his chapter of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics. He belongs also to the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Grocers Association.

He married, in 1930, Thelma Elizabeth Epard, who died in 1942. They had one daughter, Lydia Elizabeth Sheetz, who graduated from McGaheysville high school in 1949 and is at present in training at Rockingham Memorial Hospital.

At Harrisonburg, Virginia, June 20, 1945, Noah Raymond Sheetz married Anna Louise Hedrick, daughter of James and Anna (Wood) Hedrick. Mrs. Sheetz taught for nineteen years in McGaheysville high school, the last three as assistant principal. She retired from teaching in 1947.

BENJAMIN FULK ROLSTON — Manager of the Elkton branch of the Rockingham Co-operative Farm Bureau, Inc., is Benjamin Fulk Rolston, of McGaheysville, Virginia, who has gained a thorough understanding of the problems, and the value, of such an organization as the "Co-op" through his own thirty years of farming. Mr. Rolston has proved himself capable in his administrative capacities, and a devoted worker in the cause of the Bureau.

Although much of his career was spent in farming in Pennsylvania, Mr. Rolston is a native of Harrisonburg, Virginia, where he was born April 29, 1902. He is a son of Samuel Henry and Leora Corinth (Fulk) Rolston. His father formerly engaged in agriculture. Benjamin F. Rolston received his entire education in the Shenandoah Valley, attending Rockingham County schools: the public schools of Harrisonburg, and Mount Clinton High School.

Until 1939, he engaged in farming as his sole occupation, for twenty years operating a dairy farm six miles north of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. There he had a herd of about one hundred head of cattle, including fifty milch cows. His enterprise was known as the Beaufort Dairy Farm, and he operated the three farms adjoining.

Mr. Rolston came to McGaheysville in 1939, and there, in addition to his connection with the Rockingham Co-operative Farm Bureau, he has continued to engage in farming. He makes his home in one of the earliest houses to be occupied in the McGaheysville area. In 1941, Mr. Rolston became manager of the Elkton branch of the Rockingham Co-operative Farm Bureau, in whose affairs he had been interested since settling in the Valley. President of the Bureau is David C. Acker (q.v), and it has been a steadily growing co-operative enterprise, conducted for the benefit of the farming people of the Shenandoah Valley, since 1921. It is now a five-million dollar organization. Its enrollment has grown from two hundred and five, at the time of its founding, to a present impressive figure in excess of five thousand; and branches have been established at Bridgewater, Timberville and Cross Keys, as well as at Elkton, and a main office at Harrisonburg.

An active and loyal member of the Democratic party, Mr. Rolston has served as a member of its county committee in Rockingham County. He is a member of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, and is chaplain and past president of the Ruritan Club of McGaheysville. Mr. Rolston has made a change in his religious affiliation since establishing his home in the Shenandoah Valley. Formerly a Presbyterian, he joined the Methodist Church in McGaheysville shortly after settling there in 1939, and he has proved a valuable member of the congregation. He is a member of the board of stewards, and assistant superintendent of the Sunday school. He is a member of the Scout troop committee, and is deeply interested in the church from a historic standpoint. He was instrumental in a program to reclaim the previous church building as a youth center.

At Keezletown, Virginia, April 29, 1939, Benjamin Fulk Rolston married Lelia E. Yancey, daughter of Thomas L. and Mary Christine (Mauzy) Yancey. Mr. and Mrs. Rolston are the parents of two children: 1. Benjamin Fielding, born April 25, 1941. 2. Reuel Yancey, born May 12, 1943.

FREDERIC THOMAS GARBER—The rapid expansion of the Garber Plumbing Company, of Harrisonburg, Virginia, is evidence of the enterprise, hard work and personal popularity of Frederic Thomas Garber. He brought to the firm he established in 1945, exceptional skill and experience in heating and plumbing, and has kept pace with the latest developments in his line of business. A native of Harrisonburg, he was born in the county seat of Rockingham County, Virginia, on August 17, 1906, son of John D. and Nina (Thomas) Garber. His father was associated with the Thomas Plumbing and Heating Company, of the city.

Frederic Thomas Garber attended the public schools of his birthplace, and was graduated from the Bridgewater High School, with the class of 1925. In that same year he entered the employ of the plumbing concern that in the same year changed its name to the Valley Heating and Plumbing Corporation. Later he studied by correspondence courses in the trade furnished by the National Trade Extension Bureau of Evansville, Indiana. After rising from apprentice to mechanic of the Valley Heating and Plumbing Corporation, from 1925 to 1931, he joined the D. C. Bowan Plumbing and Heating Company, remaining to 1936. In that year, and until 1945, he was associated with the Frank Cline Plumbing and Heating Company, mostly engaged in headquarters work, and estimating. Since Mr. Cline was inactive, Mr. Garber for five years was in charge of all operations, office and outside.

In June, 1945, Frederic Thomas Garber went into business for himself, on West Market Street, Harrisonburg, Virginia. His trade grew rapidly and he sought larger quarters on East Market Street, employing about eight men in the year 1947. Again he had to have a larger establishment, and acquired it at his present location at 704 Furnace Road, where he has some four thousand square feet of floor space. On the average he employs seventeen or eighteen people, and specializes in new installations of all kinds of heating and plumbing equipment, the maintenance and repair of the same, covering a territory in Rockingham County. Mr. Garber is recognized as a substantial businessman and citizen of Harrisonburg, figures actively in the Rotary Club of the city, and is cooperative with all worthwhile projects that work for the progress of the community and the welfare of its people. Along his own line of endeavor he is a member of the National Association of Master Plumbers, the Virginia Association

of Plumbing and Heating Contractors, serving on the public relations committee, and is secretary of the Shenandoah Valley Plumbing and Heating Association. He attends the Church of the Brethren.

On January 10, 1942, at Verona, Virginia, Fred-eric Thomas Garber married June Phillips, daughter of Halsey V. and Fannie Mae (Templeman) Phillips. Mr. and Mrs. Garber are the parents of two children: 1. Thomas Templeman, born September 17, 1944. 2. Tamara June, born November 25, 1949.

GARLAND MILLER WRIGHT, M.D., established a general practice of medicine in Buchanan, Virginia, in 1946, and has been a resident of that community since December, 1945. He is a physician with very thorough preparation for his profession. Dr. Wright served his country in the European theater during World War II as an officer in the United States Army. He has identified himself with banking activities in his chosen city, and with its civic and fraternal groups.

A native of Washington, D. C., Dr. Wright was born January 18, 1913, and is a son of Andrew S. and Maude (Spitzer) Wright. As a railway postal clerk, his father was associated with the Federal Government on the Southern Railroad and other lines. Dr. Wright finished his secondary education in Bridgewater, Virginia, where he graduated from high school in 1928. He took his degree of Bachelor of Arts from Bridgewater College in 1932, and his Master of Arts from the University of Virginia in 1935. He entered upon his professional studies at the Medical College of Virginia, from which he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1939; and interned at the Grace Hospital in Richmond, 1939-1940, and at the Rex Hospital, Raleigh, North Carolina, 1940-1941.

As a member of the Officers Reserve Corps, Dr. Wright was called up for active duty in July, 1941, commissioned a first lieutenant, and assigned to the Army General Dispensary in Washington, D. C. There he remained until January, 1943, attaining during that time the rank of captain. He was then transferred to the Torney General Hospital in Palm Springs, where he remained until March, 1944. Dr. Wright went overseas with the 17th Airborne Division. During his period of service in the European theater, he earned five battle stars, and among the engagements in which he participated were the Battle of the Bulge and the campaigns in the Ruhr Valley and Germany.

In the Airborne's crossing of the Rhine, he was wounded, and awarded the Purple Heart; and he also wears the Bronze Star for gallantry in action. Dr. Wright returned home with his division, and received his honorable discharge in January, 1946.

From the time of his resuming civilian life, Dr. Wright has been engaged in a general practice of medicine in Buchanan. He has been made a member of the Bi-county Board of Health, comprising Botetourt and Craig counties, and he is also a director of the Buchanan National Bank. Dr. Wright is a member of Phi Beta Pi medical fraternity, the American Medical Association, the Virginia Medical Society, and the lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He attends the Church of the Brethren at Bridgewater.

At Chester, Virginia, September 10, 1938, Garland Miller Wright, M.D., married Wray Grant, daughter of Eldridge Scott and Ada (Britt) Grant. Dr. and Mrs. Wright have two children: 1. Garland Miller, Jr., who was born August 1, 1940. 2. Andra Louise, born November 22, 1942.

FRANKLIN BROWN DOVE — One of the several outstanding figures in the poultry industry that has been developed in the Broadway, Rockingham County section of Virginia, Franklin Brown Dove has made good in the poultry trade and feed business. One of the noteworthy features of his career is the fact that he was relatively unfamiliar with both lines of endeavor when he started in them after a number of years connected with motor trucking.

Mr. Dove was born at Nokesville, Virginia, on July 16, 1909, son of Charles C. and Ida (Moyer) Dove, his mother now deceased. The father, a native of Grottoes, Virginia, a substantial citizen, was early engaged in the sawmill and lumber industry, before becoming associated with the Good-year Rubber Company, in Akron, Ohio, by whom he was employed for thirty-five years before retiring. After completing his academic education in the public schools of Bergton, Virginia, Franklin Brown Dove went to work as a truck driver in this same town, and so continued for about fifteen years, and became thoroughly experienced in road transportation of many kinds of materials. Then for five years he worked for Thompson's Dairy as a salesman on a milk route in Washington, D. C. In 1939, Mr. Dove purchased a farm at Fulk's Run and started raising chickens. As he learned something of a very difficult line of endeavor,



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he branched out and now raises about twelve thousand chickens, and handles about fifteen hundred turkeys, annually. He also established the Broadway Feed and Supply Company, at Broadway in 1945, which deals in all kinds of feed and poultry equipment, covering a wide territory. With him in this enterprise are four partners. With community affairs he is actively identified, and is a member of the United Brethren Church.

At Broadway, Virginia, on July 5, 1930, Franklin Brown Dove married Velma Mae Crider, of this place, the daughter of Samuel Arthur and Gracie Blanche (Wittig) Crider, both of whom are natives of Rockingham County. Mr. and Mrs. Dove are the parents of two children: 1. Franklin Brown, Jr., born July 16, 1932. 2. Eleanor Sue, born July 10, 1944.

ERNEST DANIEL ACKER—In an area long noted for its production of various types of nut trees, Ernest Daniel Acker has established a notable career based on their production and distribution. In the field of his particular specialty, he may justly claim to be "the largest sheller and packer of black walnuts in the country", and he has pioneered in a new industry and revealed to the people of the Shenandoah Valley the true value of this product which grows about them.

Mr. Acker was born in Broadway, Virginia, where he still makes his home, on October 19, 1913. He is a son of David C. and Martha Mary (Sellers) Acker. As a boy on the farm, Ernest Daniel Acker saw the possibilities of the black walnut business, so that his occupational interest may be said to be a lifelong one. In the days when he was attending the local schools in Broadway, he was investigating the commercial possibilities of this field with a minimum of equipment—a rock and hammer. From that humble beginning, he has built one of the outstanding business enterprises, from shelling and packing black walnuts, to be found anywhere in America.

When he was twenty-three years of age, he left the farm and established his present business, under the firm name of E. D. Acker Co. Its first location was in one room, and he had fifteen employees on his payroll. He had even approached this modest venture in the hard way, for he had had to keep up and expand his walnut business while continuing to work on the farm. Mr. Acker relates that on many occasions, while he was plowing in the field, he had telegrams delivered to him requesting a shipment of black walnuts.

His enterprise is founded upon the substantial basis of a genuine public need. It has weathered a depression and a world war. He has increased his payroll to fifty men and women. He is a resourceful executive, and in slack seasons turns the energies of his organization to other productive activities, such as purchasing and cutting timber, to provide a "cushion" for the salaries paid his men.

In 1937 he erected and equipped a new building, and has continued to expand its facilities to keep pace with the growing volume of business. At this plant, walnuts are collected from the various locations throughout Rockingham County and the surrounding areas as well as a number of other states where they grow. It requires both plants to make the complete process. All the shelling is done in Morristown, Tennessee, while the major part of the grading, as well as the packing and sales are handled from the Broadway, Virginia, plant. Each step of the procedure is safeguarded by the most modern sanitary methods. The plant has been referred to as unique and outstanding, engaging as it does in an unusual phase of agricultural-industrial production. Through Mr. Acker's achievement in placing it on a sound and paying basis, he has greatly encouraged local farmers in the cultivation of walnut trees on a commercial basis. He has not only pioneered in a new industry, but has given impetus to mechanical and manufacturing development; for through his own machine shop he has refined, improved and adapted, and in many instances constructed, his own machinery, as the need has developed. Since his return from service with a construction battalion in World War II, he has had built, under his own supervision, a huge nutcracking machine, over thirty feet in height, which cracks black walnuts and separates the kernels. It is located in his second plant in Morristown, Tennessee, which is five times as large as his original three-story plant at Broadway, Virginia. This indicates the growth and potentialities of the enterprise, which has earned for Mr. Acker the designation of the largest sheller and packer of black walnuts in the country. His company ships shelled kernels, which are sorted into many carefully selected grades, from coast to coast. Buyers come to his offices representing all types of retail outlets, from small candy makers up to the largest wholesale and retail grocery chains and ice cream and candy manufacturers. He packs his nuts for the leading concerns, and was the first manufacturer to ship in cartons in interstate commerce. The present

name of Acker Black Walnut Corp. was taken in July, 1943. This business is one of the few where both the purchase and sale price of the merchandise is practically controlled by the operator.

The only significant interruption in the forward stride of Mr. Acker's career came at the time of World War II, when in August, 1943, he enlisted in the naval service and was assigned to a construction battalion attached to the Fifth Marine Division. His group, more popularly referred to as "Seabees", was active at Iwo Jima. Mr. Acker received his honorable discharge in October, 1945. He is a member of the American Legion post in Broadway, Virginia, and of the post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Morristown, Tennessee.

Mr. Acker is a member of the Northern Nut Growers Association. He is also active in the work of the Chamber of Commerce of the state of Virginia and of Rockingham County. He is a communicant of the Presbyterian Church in Broadway.

Mr. Acker is unmarried. He makes his home in Broadway, and his address is Post Office Box 263.

VERNON ELIAS LANTZ — In the industrial development of Broadway, Virginia, Vernon Elias Lantz plays an interesting and important role. With vision and enterprise he, in recent years, took advantage of the public demand for venetian blinds and utilized his knowledge and experience to launch a post World War II company to manufacture this product. The Valance Venetian Blind Company is the only concern engaged in this business in the Shenandoah Valley. Military service interrupted his personal career, but did not interfere with the expert management of his current endeavors.

Mr. Lantz was born at Criders, Virginia, on August 25, 1922, son of Eston E. and Cora (Carr) Lantz. His father, owner of the Lantz Cabinet Shop, is one of the progressive citizens of the community who is exceptionally active, as is his son, in the religious and charitable works of the Church of the Brethren. After being graduated from the Broadway high school, class of 1941, Vernon Elias Lantz laid the foundations of his future career when he continued learning interior decorating and cabinet work under his father, an expert cabinet maker of more than thirty years experience and proprietor of the well known Lantz Cabinet Shop. He also added to his knowledge by contacts with the Brewer Venetian Blind Company, of Hickory, North Carolina.

In December, 1942, however, Mr. Lantz entered

the United States Army for World War II service. Starting as a private he was assigned to the 321st Air Service Group, stationed at Hunter Field, in Georgia. He continued his training at Camp Robertson, Little Rock, Arkansas, where he took Air Evacuation training, and then went to Hamilton Field, California, where he became acquainted with the jet plane. He prepared for specialized military activities and overseas assignments, at the Santa Maria Army Air Base. He was separated from the Air Corps on February 12, 1946, with the rank of sergeant.

Upon returning to civilian life, Mr. Lantz launched the Valance Venetian Blind Company in association with his brother. The present ownership of the enterprise rests with Mr. and Mrs. Vernon E. Lantz. The concern manufactures and distributes Venetian Blinds of the most modern type. Steel and aluminum are the base materials, as a rule, on which baked enamel in colors give beauty and adaptability. Mr. Lantz has developed his own specialized methods of manufacture, and turns out blinds that are tops in their fields. These are shipped to all parts of the nation and further the reputation of the Lantz Company, which, as already indicated, is the only industrial concern of its kind in the Shenandoah Valley.

At Hickory, North Carolina, Vernon Elias Lantz married Margaret Hand, daughter of Rome and Attie Hand and they are the parents of a son: Stephen Gray, born May 4, 1947.

HOWARD SAMUEL ZIGLER—In the public life and business affairs of Rockingham County and Virginia, Howard Samuel Zigler has long played outstanding roles, especially in the development of the Shenandoah Valley's natural resources—agricultural products and industries. There are, indeed, very few local projects with which he does not have some connection, ranging from being a "Master Farmer of Virginia," a financier, founder of a packing company, and a leader in the establishment of a Turkey Festival, the Blue Ridge Labor Camp, and member of the Virginia House of Delegates.

Born at Broadway, Rockingham County, Virginia, on January 21, 1898, he is the son of the Rev. David H. Zigler, leading minister of the Church of the Brethren, and a grandson of Samuel and Annie (Miller) Zigler. His mother, the former Sarah Shank, is the daughter of Samuel Shank, who married a Miss Rhodes. He learned agriculture at first hand as a boy, while at the same time acquiring a sound education, being

graduated from the Broadway high school, in 1917, and from Bridgewater College, five years later, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He also pursued post-graduate studies at Columbia University, New York City. His background, as indicated, was agricultural, including horticulture and the animal industry. In early life and later, Howard Samuel Zigler built up a broad experience with general farming, fruit growing, the raising of stock, and he has specialized in the production of apples, and peaches, chickens and turkeys, and the packing of fruits and vegetables. At all times he has promoted the best interests of business and of the community, notably as an advocate and organizer of cooperative marketing.

As a young man, in 1922, Mr. Zigler became manager of the Mutual Cold Storage Company, Inc., of which he has been president since 1930. A decade later (1940) he launched the Zigler Packing Company, that engages in large scale canning of peaches, apples, tomatoes and their by-products. As a contemporary comments: "This enterprise affords a ready local market and effective facilities for distribution. In its third year this company canned over eight hundred thousand bushels of fruit."

The organizational abilities of Mr. Zigler have frequently been evidenced in his activities. He is public director of the Rockingham Farm Bureau; was one of the organizers and for the first two years president of the Rockingham Marketing Cooperative of Timberville, which in its second year marketed eleven million pounds of poultry. He helped start and was the first president of the Rockingham Turkey Festival. When, because of the late war, his community was faced with labor shortage, he negotiated with the Federal Government and took the lead in establishing the Blue Ridge Labor Camp near Timberville. For fifteen years he was president of the Rockingham Farm Loan Association. For some years, 1936-42, he served on the board of directors of the First National Bank of Harrisonburg. In 1939, Mr. Zigler was one of four Virginia men to be awarded the title of "Master Farmer" by the Progressive Farmer, and in the following year was awarded the Community Service Plaque by the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Chamber of Commerce. From 1932 to 1940 he was a member of the Virginia House of Delegates, the sponsor and supporter of much progressive legislation. Politically influential, in 1940 he was a delegate to the National Republican Convention. In more local interests, Mr. Zigler has been a member of

the Timberville Town Council; is a director of the Timberville Orphanage, a trustee of Bridgewater College, and is a Boy Scout committeeman. He helped found and was the first president of the Plains District Ruritan Club, and in 1947 was president of Ruritan National. He was largely instrumental in securing a Virginia State Laboratory at Harrisonburg. His religious affiliations are with the Church of the Brethren, where he teaches a Bible class, and there are no worthy religious and charitable works that do not enlist his hearty and generous support.

On June 17, 1922, Howard Samuel Zigler married Margaret Smucker, who was born April 9, 1899, the daughter of Charles J. and Sallie (Myers) Smucker, and the granddaughter of Elder Samuel H. Myers, a prominent leader in the Church of the Brethren. Mr. and Mrs. Zigler are the parents of two children: 1. Charles David, born April 14, 1924; a graduate of Timberville high school, class of 1942. He entered Bridgewater College that same year, but in February, 1943, enlisted in the United States Army for World War II service and was in service three years in the Pacific Theatre of Operation. After his discharge from the service he resumed his studies and is a graduate of Bridgewater College, with his Bachelor of Arts degree, class of 1948. 2. Sara Virginia, born March 5, 1926; a graduate of Timberville high school, and a graduate of Bridgewater College, with a Bachelor of Arts degree, class of 1947.

RICHARD FRANKLIN PENCE, who has practiced law in Roanoke for somewhat over a decade, has also distinguished himself in public office, as assistant commonwealth attorney and civil and police justice for his city. He is a member of the law firm of Dodson and Pence.

Mr. Pence was born in Roanoke on May 21, 1913, and is a son of Benjamin Franklin and Annie Belle (Eliason) Pence. Benjamin Franklin Pence was formerly a tax and insurance agent for the Norfolk and Western Railway Company, and is now retired. In the public schools of Roanoke, Virginia, Richard Franklin Pence received his early education, and he is a graduate of Jefferson Senior high school, class of 1931. From that year until 1935, Mr. Pence was in residence at the University of Virginia as an undergraduate, and after receiving his degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1935, he continued an additional year in the University of Virginia Graduate School of Economics. His professional courses were pursued at Har-

vard Law School, 1936-1939, and he received the degree of Bachelor of Laws in the latter year.

Mr. Pence was admitted to the Virginia bar in 1939. From that year until 1941, he was secretary and clerk of Justice H. B. Gregory, of the Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals; and he was assistant commonwealth's attorney for the city of Roanoke from January until December, 1942. Further responsibility in public office came when, in 1946, Mr. Pence became civil and police justice for the city of Roanoke. His performance as a member of the bench more than justified the public confidence placed in him, and distinguished him no less than his court appearances and other outstanding work as attorney. Since November 1, 1948, Mr. Pence has been a member of the law firm of Dodson and Pence, with offices in the State and City Building in Roanoke.

During World War II, Richard Franklin Pence served his country in the United States Navy. Enlisting in 1942, he became director of the legal department, Military Government, Okinawa, after the occupation of that island, holding that position from October, 1945, to July, 1946. He was discharged in November, 1946, with the rank of lieutenant commander.

Professionally, Mr. Pence is affiliated with the Roanoke Bar Association, the Virginia State Bar Association, and Pi Kappa Alpha. Other fraternities of which he is a member are Phi Beta Kappa, and Phi Delta Phi, honorary society; and he belongs also to the Raven Society. Locally, he is identified with the Roanoke Junior Chamber of Commerce, of which he is past president; the Business Men's Club of Roanoke, of which also he is past president; the Kiwanis Club; the Roanoke Country Club; and the Roanoke German Club. Mr. Pence is also interested in dramatics, and is past president of the Patchwork Players. He is a communicant of Greene Memorial Methodist Church.

Acknowledged as one of the younger leaders in Roanoke life, Mr. Pence received the distinguished service award as "Roanoke's Young Man of the year" in 1947, and as "Virginia's Young Man of the Year" in 1948.

Richard Franklin Pence makes his home at 2605 Avenham Avenue, Southwest, Roanoke. Mr. Pence married April 22, 1950, Miss Shirley Hurt of Greensboro, North Carolina.

JOHN LEWIS FLORA, JR.—Engaged in a profitable and highly regarded insurance and real estate business in the city of Roanoke, John Lewis

Flora, Jr., is a member of the firm of Murray and Flora. Mr. Flora, who is a graduate of Virginia Military Institute, has taken an active part in the life of his community.

A native of the city of Roanoke, Mr. Flora was born July 27, 1915, and is thus one of the youngest of the influential men in the city's affairs. He is a son of John Lewis and Catherine Cartie (Cunningham) Flora, and his father before him followed real estate as an occupation. After completing his secondary education in his native community, John Lewis Flora entered Virginia Military Institute in 1933, and was a member of the class of 1937. His military training was invaluable to him and to his country during World War II. He held the rank of major in the 116th Infantry, 29th Division, and participated in the campaigns in Normandy, the Rhineland, Central Europe, and had landed on the beachhead at the outset of the invasion of Fortress Europa. He was wounded in action in the vicinity of St. Lo, France, on July 12, 1944, somewhat more than a month after the first landings.

Ever since resuming civilian life, Mr. Flora has been engaged in real estate and insurance in Roanoke, a member of Murray and Flora Real Estate and Insurance Company. A popular and well-regarded figure among the commercial leadership of Roanoke, Mr. Flora is a member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, the Executive Club, and the Business Men's Club. In his religious faith, he is a Methodist.

At York, South Carolina, on July 20, 1934, John Lewis Flora, Jr., married Audrey Furrow, daughter of William Claybourne and Jean Amelia (Bayne) Furrow. Mr. and Mrs. Flora are the parents of one son, Timothy Bayne, who was born January 10, 1948. The family make their home on R.F.D. Route 4, outside Roanoke, and Mr. Flora's office address is 24 Kirk Avenue West.

CREED KING LEMON—From the making of barrel staves to the founding of a great lumber company and the development of three major subdivisions at Roanoke—this, in a few words, has been the career of one of Shenandoah Valley's leading citizens, Creed King Lemon. Mr. Lemon, who is president of the Valley Lumber Corporation at Roanoke, is also associated with the Colonial American National Bank of Roanoke.

He was born September 13, 1877, in Franklin County, the son of Creed and Elizabeth (King) Lemon. His father, a farmer who operated a large plantation in that county, served in the Confed-



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erate Army in the War Between the States. Creed King Lemon obtained his education by tutoring and also by attending the schools in his native county. He was still quite young when he became a merchant in the county. Later, he bought a part interest in a mill which made barrel staves, also located in Franklin County. In 1908 Mr. Lemon moved to Roanoke, where he launched a barrel business of his own. This became so successful that by 1913 he was able to build a new and what was for the times a modern plant. He named his barrel concern the Roanoke Cooperage Company. In 1921 Mr. Lemon expanded into the lumber business and in 1927 founded the Valley Lumber Corporation, of which he has since been president; Creed King Lemon, Jr., is vice-president, Glenn H. Lemon, secretary and E. Marvin Lemon, treasurer. It was after World War II that he developed the three Roanoke subdivisions—Manchester Court, Dorchester Court and the Sunnybrook Addition. He is on the board of directors of the Colonial American National Bank of Roanoke. He worships in the South Roanoke Methodist Church.

Mr. Lemon married Lillie Ross in Franklin County. Her father, Charles Foster Ross, served under General Robert E. Lee in the War Between the States. Her mother was Fannie Jane (Jamison) Ross. Mr. and Mrs. Lemon are the parents of seven children—E. Marvin Lemon, born November 14, 1907; Glenn Hampton Lemon, born November 21, 1908; Creed King Lemon, Jr., born August 28, 1910; Helen Frances, now Mrs. Dexter Davis, born July 1, 1912; Ruth Ross, now Mrs. Richard Burgeron, born May 24, 1916; William Norwood Lemon, born March 28, 1918, and Chester Ross Lemon, born April 8, 1921.

JOHN HOMAN KLINE—Broadway, Rockingham County, Virginia, is widely known as an important place in the large poultry business of the Shenandoah Valley, and prominently identified with this industry is the name Kline, father, mother and son. The youngest member of the family, John Homan Kline, after a colorful career that included World War II military service, is currently an official and partner of the Broadway Milling Company, and is part owner with his mother of the Broadway Hatchery, one of the earliest and formerly the largest concern in Virginia specializing in this trade.

John Homan Kline was born at Broadway, Virginia, on June 24, 1914, son of John Michael and Bertie Virgie (Homan) Kline. When the son was

ten years old, his father established a hatchery in the village, an enterprise that is now more than thirty years old, and therefore one of the pioneers in the business. As mentioned, it was developed until it was the largest in the State. John Michael Kline is now retired from commercial activities, while remaining a part owner of the Broadway Milling Company, and is a member of the board of directors of the First National Bank of Broadway. A prominent citizen, always identified with movements and projects that endeavor to promote the progress of Broadway, the elder man has served for several terms on the Town Council, and was a member of the building committee that erected the Presbyterian Church in 1924.

John Homan Kline attended the grade and high schools of his birthplace, being graduated from the Broadway high School in 1932. He then went to the Augusta Military Academy where he received his diploma with the class of 1933. He followed this with two years of studies and practice at the National Business College, Roanoke. His business career began inconspicuously, for he started as a truck driver with the Broadway Milling Company. Within a year, however, he was brought into the office and has since acquired a half interest in the concern, of which he is secretary and treasurer. The Broadway Milling Company contracts for every type of feeds required by poultrymen.

With the hatching trade Mr. Kline early became familiar. As mentioned, his father started the Broadway Hatchery in 1924. Its original capacity was eighteen hundred eggs; its present capacity is two hundred and forty-six thousand eggs,—that is something to marvel at. Few lines of industry require more skill, attention and hard work. Despite giving his closest attention to business and acting as a director of the First National Bank of Broadway, Mr. Kline makes time to serve the community in useful capacities. During World War II, he was in the United States Navy from December, 1943, to February 2, 1946. Starting as an apprentice seaman, he came out a second class storekeeper. He served aboard the LSM-246 in the invasion of Okinawa, and was in the Pacific Theater of War for slightly more than a year. He was separated from the Navy at Camp Shelton, Norfolk, Virginia. He is a member of Chimney Rock Post, No. 9660, Veterans of Foreign Wars, of which he is a charter member, and is also a charter member and past (1946) Adjutant of the American Legion, Plains District Post, No. 278. Fraternally, Mr. Kline is affiliated with Harrisonburg Lodge No. 27, Free and Ac-

cepted Masons; Chapter No. 6, Royal Arch Masons; Roanoke Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and Acca Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at Richmond. A communicant of the Broadway Presbyterian Church, he has been a deacon for eight years, and is frequently to the fore in religious and humanitarian works.

EDWARD WESLEY BLEVINS—A Roanoke business executive long identified with the paper and stationery business is Edward Wesley Blevins, who is vice-president and general manager of the Caldwell-Sites Company. He has served that concern loyally for nearly thirty years, and devotes his energies chiefly to its responsibilities.

A native of North Carolina, Mr. Blevins was born in West Jefferson, that state, October 26, 1897, and is a son of John Wesley and Rebecca Jane (Hash) Blevins. His father was a farmer. Edward Wesley Blevins completed his secondary education in the state of Tennessee, in the Hamblen County high school, and after graduation he entered business school where he prepared himself for his future management responsibilities.

Mr. Blevins' first business connection was with the Bedford Pulp and Paper Company, being employed in its plant located at Big Island, Virginia. There he began work in the capacity of bookkeeper. He came to Roanoke in 1921 to associate himself with the Caldwell-Sites Company, likewise in the capacity of bookkeeper, and here his training and manifest abilities marked him for steady progress. He is now vice-president and general manager of the Caldwell-Sites Company.

Mr. Blevins is a member of the Rotary Club of Roanoke. He and his family are communicants of the Greene Memorial Methodist Church in Roanoke.

At Lynchburg, on February 16, 1919, Edward Wesley Blevins married Myrtle Talbott, daughter of Cecil S. and Lelia Mae (Mason) Talbott. Mr. and Mrs. Blevins have become the parents of two children: 1. Rebecca Mae, born March 4, 1923. 2. Barbara Lee, who was born April 25, 1936. The family resides at 2123 Crystal Springs Avenue, Southwest; and Mr. Blevins' business address is that of the Caldwell-Sites Company, 105 South Jefferson Street, Roanoke.

FRANK HATCHER HANCOCK — As chief executive of the Roanoke Optical Company, Frank Hatcher Hancock has taken his place among the

business leaders of Roanoke. He has been engaged in the optical field since 1929; and has also assumed official positions in other commercial concerns, primarily in the building field.

Mr. Hancock is a native of Roanoke, and was born April 7, 1910, son of Edward Reed and Sadie Virginia (Searles) Hancock, his father being also an optician. In the public schools of Roanoke, Frank Hatcher Hancock obtained his early education, and he continued in the Roanoke high school before entering Fishburn Military School at Waynesboro. Returning to his native town to engage in business, he entered the same field in which his father had been successfully engaged, and has continued as an optician since. He now heads the Roanoke Optical Company.

Mr. Hancock is also president of the Shenandoah Building Corporation, whose offices are located in Roanoke, and he is treasurer of the Neale Construction Company. He is active in social life locally, and is a member of the Roanoke Country Club and the Shenandoah Club. In his religious faith, Mr. Hancock is a Baptist, and attends the Calvary Baptist Church.

During World War II, Frank Hatcher Hancock enlisted in the United States Army Air Corps, and attained the rank of captain, being in the Material Command and stationed at Wright Field in Ohio.

At Roanoke on October 31, 1935, Frank Hatcher Hancock married Frances Butler, daughter of Gilbert and Mary (Carr) Butler. Mr. and Mrs. Hancock are the parents of two children: 1. Frances Littlepage, born March 4, 1939. 2. Frank Searles, who was born July 31, 1936. The family make their home at 538 Highland Avenue, while Mr. Hancock's business address is 133 Campbell Street, Roanoke.

THOMAS DOWNMAN RUTHERFOORD is prominent in a number of business connections in Roanoke and elsewhere. He is a member of the firm of Rutherford Insurance Agency, with offices in the Rosenberg Building in Roanoke; and is vice-president of the firm of Rutherford and Maher, Inc., in New York City. He is also a member of the board of the Bank of Virginia. The diversity of Mr. Rutherford's connections, and the executive ability he has shown in each of his responsibilities, have identified him as one of the business leaders of the Shenandoah Valley, although he is still only in his thirty-fifth year.

Born September 11, 1915, in Roanoke, Thomas Downman Rutherford is a son of Julian Hamil-

ton and Willie Edmondson (Penn) Rutherford. His father, likewise engaged in the insurance business for many years, is a partner in the Rutherford Insurance Agency.

In the Roanoke grammar schools, Thomas Downman Rutherford began his education, and he graduated from the Roanoke high school in the class of 1933. He then entered Roanoke College, from which he transferred to the University of Virginia; and graduated from the latter institution in 1937. He immediately afterwards entered the insurance business with his father. Subsequently he has associated himself with the firm of Rutherford and Maher, Inc., in New York, and is now its vice-president. Mr. Rutherford has a thorough understanding of insurance and banking, and his judgment is highly valued among the business leadership of Roanoke and the Shenandoah Valley.

During the years of World War II, Mr. Rutherford was absent from his native town in the service of his country, having enlisted in the United States Army Air Corps. Assigned to the 15th Air Force, based in Italy, he rose to the rank of captain, and participated in missions during the battle for southern France, the northern Italian campaign, and in Germany.

Mr. Rutherford is a member of Sigma Chi fraternity. He belongs to the Lions Club of Salem, the Shenandoah Club, of Roanoke, Roanoke Country Club, and the Commonwealth Club, of Richmond. In religious faith, he is an Episcopalian.

In New York City, August 22, 1945, Thomas Downman Rutherford married Dona Maude Walton, daughter of Donald Campbell and Alice (Ingoldsby) Walton. To Mr. and Mrs. Rutherford has been born one son, Thomas Downman Rutherford, Jr., on December 5, 1948. The family make their home at 6 Wiley Court, Salem.

MOSS ABRAM PLUNKETT—Since 1910 Moss Abram Plunkett has been an active and highly esteemed member of the bar of Roanoke; and he has continued in practice there without interruption save during the period of World War I, when he rendered exceptionally meritorious service to his country as an officer in the United States Army Infantry. Mr. Plunkett's record in the pursuit of his profession has been no less creditable, and has earned him the confidence of innumerable clients and the respect of his professional colleagues during a period of nearly four decades.

Born in Franklin County, March 2, 1888, Moss Abram Plunkett is a son of Algernon Wade and Emma Judith (Bell) Plunkett. Algernon Wade Plunkett followed the occupation of building contractor. His son graduated, in 1904, from Roanoke High School, which, incidentally, was one of the first high schools to be established in the State of Virginia. Between 1904 and 1910, he was a court stenographer, but he had formed clearly in his mind the nature of his future profession, and through independent study had prepared himself for the practice of law, and had engaged in a limited practice before completing his law course at the University of Virginia in 1911. Since that time he has continued as a member of the bar of Roanoke, and his thorough experience and natural gifts for the law have earned him a sound and far-reaching reputation.

His military experience is thus recounted in the volume "Source Records of the Great War", by Charles Howe and Walter Austin. He entered the Second Officers Training Camp at Fort Meyer, Virginia, August 23, 1917, and was commissioned a first lieutenant of infantry November 27, 1917. On December 16, 1917, he reported for duty at Camp Meade, Maryland, and was assigned to Company K of the 314th Infantry Regiment. He sailed from Hoboken, New Jersey, for overseas service on June 30, 1918, on the transport "Duca Degli Abruzzi"; and joined the 79th Division in Sector 304, on the defensive from September 13 through September 25, 1918. He participated in the Meuse-Argonne offensive during September and October, 1918; in the Tryon Sector defense, October 8 to October 20; and became instructor at the Army Candidate School at La Valbonne, Aisne, where he remained from October to December, 1918. He was with Company K, 314th Infantry, at Lamorteau, Belgium, as a member of the occupation forces after the termination of hostilities, remaining from December 30, 1918, to January 20, 1919. He was honorably discharged at Camp Dix, New Jersey, June 2, 1919, in the rank of lieutenant.

Mr. Plunkett is affiliated with the national law fraternity, Phi Delta Phi, and is locally a member of the Rotary Club. He is a communicant of the First Baptist Church of Roanoke.

At Breckenridge, Texas, October 22, 1919, Moss Abram Plunkett married Billie Puett, daughter of William Elisha and Sue (Lykes) Puett. Mr. and Mrs. Plunkett, who reside at their country home, "The Knolls", near Roanoke, became the parents of two children: 1. Moss Abram, Jr., who was

born March 24, 1922. He volunteered for service in World War II. He lost his life in New Guinea as sergeant in the Air Corps, after having earned the Distinguished Flying Cross "for extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flights in the Southwest Pacific area from October 13, 1943, to December 1, 1943. 2. June Plunkett, born July 23, 1924.

RANDALL JAYSON KNISELY—For nearly a quarter of a century Randall Jayson Knisely has been associated with one of the nation's most widely known beverage concerns. He is now vice-president of the Roanoke Coca-Cola Bottling Works, which operates five plants in this region of the Shenandoah Valley.

Mr. Knisely was born in Norristown, Pennsylvania, August 19, 1899, son of Jacob and Martha (Michiel) Knisely, both deceased. His father was connected with the Pennsylvania Railroad for many years in the capacity of construction superintendent. Randall J. Knisely received his early education in the public schools of Norristown, and graduated from high school in Langhorne, Pennsylvania, in 1917. For two years he attended Pennsylvania State College.

Before Mr. Knisely had had the opportunity to launch his business career, this country entered World War I, and he was among the young men who enlisted in the United States Army. He was assigned to the 110th Machine Gun Battalion, 29th Division, First Virginia Infantry.

From 1919 to 1926, Mr. Knisely was identified with Roanoke's largest and best known corporate enterprise, the Norfolk and Western Railroad. In the latter year, however, he terminated this connection to associate himself with the Coca-Cola Company, and was for nine years thereafter manager of the company's plant at Gala, Virginia. He then returned to Roanoke to accept the office of vice-president of the Roanoke Coca-Cola Bottling Works. This subsidiary of the Coca-Cola Company actually operates five plants; at Roanoke, Pulaski, Gala, Rocky Mount, and Martinsville. It gives employment to about one hundred and ten people.

Mr. Knisely is a member of the Rotary Club, and is past president of the Gala Rotary. He is also past president of the Roanoke Country Club, and a member of the Shenandoah Club. As a veteran he belongs to the American Legion, Post No. 3. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Lodge

No. 147. His church is the First Presbyterian, and he is a Democrat in his politics.

Mr. Knisely has a second business connection as vice-president and director of Southwestern Virginia, Inc.

Randall Jayson Knisely has been twice married. He married, first, Martha Harrison Gregory of Richmond, Virginia, daughter of Oscar C. and Evelyn (Johns) Gregory. They became the parents of two children, twins, who were born July 24, 1924: Randall Jayson, Jr., a graduate of the University of Virginia. He married Dorothy Deyo of Roanoke, and they have one son, Randall Clai-bourne; and Oscar Gregory, a graduate of Roanoke College and the University of Minnesota. He married Mary Lou Parker of Minneapolis and they have one son, O(scar) Gregory, Jr.

Martha Harrison (Gregory) Knisely died in May, 1927, and Randall Jayson Knisely married, second, in Roanoke, November 9, 1929, Georgia Riley of Roanoke.

JAMES BAXTER MORGAN—As president of the Brotherhood Mercantile Company of Roanoke, Virginia, James Baxter Morgan has attained a prominent place among the business executives of that city. He also exerts his leadership in civic affairs and fraternal organizations.

Mr. Morgan, who is a native of South Carolina, was born in York County, South Carolina, and is a son of Nathaniel Benjamin and Mary Ida (Bearden) Morgan. Nathaniel Benjamin Morgan was a veteran of the "War Between the States," and was thereafter active in political life. He was for some time county auditor of Union County, South Carolina. His son, James Baxter, was educated in the public grade and high schools of Union. His business association since coming to Roanoke, in 1912, has been with the firm of which he is now president—the Brotherhood Mercantile Company. He is a member of The Executives Club, the Knights of Pythias, the Rotary Club of Roanoke, and a Steward of the Greene Memorial Methodist Church.

At Spring City, Tennessee, October 23, 1913, James Baxter Morgan married Margaret Louise Walker, daughter of Albert Pinckney Hughston and Annie Louise (Duggins) Walker. Mr. and Mrs. Morgan are the parents of a daughter, Mary Louise (Morgan) Klous, who was born July 29, 1914. She is the wife of D. Donald Klous, Major, U. S. Army. The Morgan home is at 2407 Robin Hood Road, Sherwood Forest, in Roanoke; and Mr. Morgan's business address,



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that of the Brotherhood Mercantile Company, is 107 South Jefferson Street, Roanoke, Virginia.

AUBREY DANIEL MILLER — Since 1914, Aubrey Daniel Miller has been associated with the Richardson-Wayland Electrical Corporation, and his loyal service and marked abilities have earned him continued advancement to his present office of secretary and treasurer. He is a prominent figure in fraternal circles, as well as among the business leadership of Roanoke.

Mr. Miller was born at Bridgewater, Virginia, June 25, 1892, and is a son of Joel Daniel and Sally Virginia Miller. Joel Daniel Miller followed the occupation of farmer. His parents were determined that the son should have the best educational preparation available, and after completion of his secondary courses, at Montezuma, Virginia, he entered Bridgewater Business College, Bridgewater, Virginia, from which he graduated in 1913. He was president of the Alumni Association of Bridgewater College during 1947-1948.

The year after completing his courses at Bridgewater, Aubrey Daniel Miller associated himself with the firm with which he has been identified since that time, the Richardson-Wayland Electrical Corporation, which maintains its headquarters at 122 Church Street in Roanoke. Mr. Miller is now its secretary and treasurer. He is fraternally affiliated with the Knights of Pythias and is also a member of the Lions Club of Roanoke. Attending the Central Church of the Brethren in Roanoke, Mr. Miller is a devoted worker in that church. For twenty-five years he has been its choir director.

WILLIAM REPS HATCHETT—From newsboy to an executive in responsible position as head of the auditing department of the Virginia Iron and Coke Company, is the advancement encompassed in the career of William Reps Hatchett of Roanoke. He has held the position of auditor of this vast industrial concern for many years, and has distinguished himself through his exceptional abilities and conscientious service to his company. Mr. Hatchett is also a popular and well-advanced fraternalist.

Son of William W. and Bertha Sarah (Campbell) Hatchett, William Reps Hatchett was born in Roanoke, October 16, 1893. His father, William Ward Hatchett is still living, being now in his eighty-ninth year. He retired in 1922 after a lifetime of loyal service in the Shearman and West-

ern Shops in Roanoke. William Reps Hatchett began his education in the Roanoke Grammar School, after which he attended Roanoke High School, graduating in 1908. He then took an accounting course at the International Correspondence School, thus preparing himself for business responsibilities.

Mr. Hatchett had first worked as a newsboy; and after his graduation he went to work as a clerk in the blacksmith shop of the N. & W. Railroad, remaining there from July, 1914 to December 31, 1914. He thereafter was associated with the Dupont Chemical Company in Hopewell, Virginia, in the capacity of timekeeper, in which he was employed from April, 1915 to June, 1916. Mr. Hatchett then went to Philadelphia, where he associated himself with the Baldwin Locomotive Works, and served as shell inspector from June, 1916 to March, 1917.

He thereafter returned to Roanoke and to the N. & W. Railroad, to accept a position as payroll clerk, remaining from March 1, 1917 to May 1, 1918. From the later date, he has been associated with the Virginia Iron and Coke Company, in the auditing department, and on July 1, 1941 was made auditor.

Mr. Hatchett is prominently identified with the Blue Lodge of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Pleasant Lodge. He belongs also to Mountainside Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

At Roanoke, Virginia, on September 30, 1914, William Reps Hatchett married Gladys Mayo Talley, daughter of Richard and Dora (Bell) Talley. Mr. and Mrs. Hatchett have become the parents of a son, Ramon Waller, who was born January 10, 1918. The family resides at 1361 Clarke Avenue, Southwest. Mr. Hatchett's business address is that of the Virginia Iron and Coke Company, 310 Campbell Avenue, S.W. Roanoke.

JOHN BEAR WALDROP—One of the youngest men to have taken a prominent place in Roanoke business affairs, John Bear Waldrop is already recognized as one of the most able, and all those who know him expect him to make a conspicuous mark in the city's business affairs. He is president of the Waldrop-Price Hardware Company, which he opened in 1948. His brief career to date gives a clue to his aggressive nature and marked administrative ability. He is likewise a popular Roanoke clubman.

Born June 28, 1918, in Roanoke, John Bear Waldrop is a son of Alexander Atkins and Caro-

lyn (Bear) Waldrop. His father is president of the Roanoke Automobile and Implement Company of Roanoke, and served his country as a captain in the army during World War I. Alexander Atkins Waldrop is a graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute in the class of 1911.

At Jefferson High School in Roanoke, John Bear Waldrop completed his secondary education, graduating in 1936. He then did postgraduate work at Episcopal High School in Alexandria, Virginia (1936-1937), before entering the University of Virginia, where he was in residence from 1937 to 1941. He graduated from the state university with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Commerce, class of 1941.

Mr. Waldrop had enlisted in the United States Naval Reserve in 1940, and shortly after the completion of his education, in June, 1941, he was called to active duty in the United States Navy. He entered with the rank of apprentice seaman, and when he terminated his active service on February 22, 1946, he held the rank of lieutenant commander—a rate of advancement comparable to his subsequent success in the business world. While in the United States Navy, he participated in the invasions in the Leyte Gulf, and is entitled to wear the American Defense, the European, the Asiatic-Pacific, and the Philippine Liberation ribbons.

On returning to civilian life in 1946, Mr. Waldrop first entered the insurance business as a general insurance salesman. However, he determined, within the subsequent two years, that the retailing field was his true vocation, and he established in March, 1948, the Waldrop-Price Hardware Company, situated at 205 A Market Square in Roanoke. It opened its doors on June 1, 1948, and its continued success has been testimonial to the qualities of business leadership possessed by Mr. Waldrop.

In the local sphere, John Bear Waldrop is a member of the German Club, the Lions Club, the Co-Operative Club International and the Roanoke Country Club. He is a communicant of the Presbyterian Church in Salem, where he makes his home.

At the First Presbyterian Church in Roanoke, January 22, 1944, John Bear Waldrop married Mary Jean McGuire, daughter of William E. and Ethel (Surface) McGuire. Mr. and Mrs. Waldrop are the parents of two children: 1. Susan Jean, born November 28, 1944. 2. William McGuire, who was born August 4, 1948. The family resides at 2 Wiley Court, Salem.

JACK BLAIR WOODSON—The name of Jack Blair Woodson has become identified throughout the Roanoke area with competent cafeteria management. He is the proprietor and operator of the Woodson Cafeteria, and also operates a cafeteria for Roanoke Mills, Inc. Throughout his active life he has been identified with this field.

Mr. Woodson was born in Daleville, Virginia, May 20, 1915, and is a son of Charles Huff and Katie Louise (Flora) Woodson. His father was engaged in the jewelry business, being president of the Woodson Jewelry Company in Roanoke. The son completed his secondary education at the Jefferson High School in Roanoke, from which he was graduated in 1932. In that year began his career in the cafeteria field, he having associated himself with the S. and W. Cafeteria in March before his graduation. He thus was off to an early start in his chosen occupation, and had had the requisite thorough experience by 1948 when he determined to enter business in his own name. On March 18 of that year, he founded the Woodson Cafeteria, and he has since become the operator of the cafeteria for Roanoke Mills, Inc., also situated in Roanoke.

Mr. Woodson is fraternally affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and with Lodge No. 63, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, in Roanoke. He is a member of the Lions Club and the Executive Club, both also of Roanoke. His church is the Christ Episcopal in Roanoke.

At Roanoke, on July 21, 1932, Jack Blair Woodson married Virginia Louise Fabanish, daughter of Sam H. and Helen M. Fabanish. Mr. and Mrs. Woodson are the parents of two children: 1. Jack Blair, Jr., born April 25, 1935, in Roanoke. 2. Joyce Dianne, born December 24, 1943. The family resides at 1810 Grace Street, Southwest.

JAMES WILLIAM COMER—Among the business leaders of Roanoke, James William Comer has, over a number of years, made a permanent impress on its commercial and industrial affairs. He heads the Hix-Palmer Company, as he has through the many years since he reorganized it in 1908; and among his other business interests have been the Allegheny Finance Corporation and the Rex Manufacturing Company. Mr. Comer is one of the senior members of the successful business fraternity of Roanoke. His experience is wide, and his judgment highly valued in commercial matters.



Ed Comer



ELLA R. (SMITH) COMER

Mr. Comer, who was born in Roanoke County, January 18, 1875, is a son of Francis and Ellen Rebecca (Bishop) Comer. His father, who was a farmer by occupation, was a veteran of the War Between the States. He was born in Petersburg, Virginia, and was a young man at the outbreak of that conflict, and enlisting in the Confederate cause, he served four years. He narrowly escaped death on two occasions, being shot through the body just before the close of the war. These wounds undoubtedly hastened his death, which occurred in 1888 in his sixty-third year. His wife had passed away three years before at the age of fifty. She, too, had been a native of Petersburg. Francis and Ellen Rebecca (Bishop) Comer were the parents of eleven children, of whom James William was the youngest.

Only ten years of age at the time of the death of his mother, James W. Comer was able to obtain only in limited degree the advantages of formal education. He did, however, attend the schools of Roanoke County when the opportunity offered. In a biographical sketch of Mr. Comer which appeared some years ago, an indication is given of his upbringing and training, relative to that of other contemporary leaders:

The leading business men who have left the impress of their genius on the commercial and industrial history of Virginia have been in the main men of affairs with little instruction in science. They have stepped from the workshop or counter to the office, demonstrating their fitness to be leaders by soundness of judgment and skill in management. Such a man the generation of business men now engaged in the scenes of active business recognized in James W. Comer when he took his proper place among the leaders.

Mr. Comer's father died three years after his mother, so that parental guidance, too, was absent during many of his immature years. He grew up quickly under these conditions of life, however, and was still only a youth when he secured employment in the Norfolk and Western Railway shops, working there for five years. Meanwhile, realizing the importance of education, he took a business course with the National Business College, which afforded practical preparation. It qualified him to obtain a position as stenographer in a wholesale grocery business, and during the ten years he was employed by that concern, he neglected no opportunity of making himself thoroughly familiar with every detail of the business.

He was thus prepared, in 1908, to take part in the reorganization of the Patterson-Palmer Com-

pany, the name of which was changed in that year, with Mr. J. W. Hix as corporator, to the Hix-Palmer Company, Inc. The firm dealt in dry goods and notions, and has continued in the wholesaling of such products to the present time. Mr. Comer became its president, C. L. Palmer, vice-president, and J. C. Peters, secretary and treasurer. Later, in 1915, Mr. Comer became the leading factor in the establishment of the Rex Manufacturing Company, manufacturers of gloves, and he retained his interest in this firm until 1943, when he disposed of his holdings in the firm to the Richmond Glove Company, of Richmond, Indiana. During the period of the two firms' interlocking management, both companies acting in conjunction did a large business in the jobbing of hats, caps and notions, and retained the services of seven traveling representatives who covered routes throughout the states of Virginia, West Virginia and North Carolina. During the years until 1943, Mr. Comer devoted the principal part of his time to these two concerns, but also developed other interests, among them being directorship of the Allegheny Finance Corporation. He has been an active member of the Roanoke Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the Rotary. James W. Comer served with distinction and ability on the Roanoke City Council, for a period of eighteen years all told. He has also served his country in time of war, having been a member of the Second Virginia Regiment, one of the component units of the Army Corps under General Fitzhugh Lee, during the Spanish-American War.

Mr. Comer has resigned from the Rotary Club, and is not affiliated with fraternal organizations. He is still as active as ever in his business connections, and certain phrases written of him years ago are more true now than ever:

He has established himself firmly in the confidence of his associates as a business man of sound and substantial qualities and the highest integrity and probity, and at the same time has been an ardent supporter of all civic measures

He is a member of the Methodist Church of Roanoke, and for many years served as a member of its board of stewards and is also a trustee. In his politics, Mr. Comer is a loyal Democrat.

In Vinton, Virginia, May 16, 1897, James William Comer married Ella Ruth Smith, who was born in Henrico County, Virginia, and educated at Roanoke. Her father, Benjamin R. Smith, was for many years a merchant at Vinton, and a man

who was held in esteem and respect. Mrs. Comer has been active in church and club work, and is one of Roanoke's socially popular matrons. Mr. and Mrs. Comer have become the parents of five children: 1. James Edward, who graduated from Roanoke College and became identified with the First National Exchange Bank of Roanoke. 2. Elizabeth Jennings, a graduate of Randolph-Macon College, now Mrs. Irad B. Lower, having been married November 8, 1927. 3. Robert P. a graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute. 4. Virginia Ruth, a graduate of Hollins College. 5. Ella Rebecca, who attended the schools of Roanoke and Madison College at Harrisonburg, Virginia, and is now principal of Crystal Spring elementary school.

Mr. Comer's business address is 302 Salem Avenue, Southwest, and his home address is 1323 Chapman Avenue, Roanoke.

WALTER SCOTT REID, vice-president of the Roanoke firm of Reid and Cutshall, Inc., dealers in fine furniture, has devoted all the years of his career thus far to that aspect of retailing. Mr. Reid is also well known among his fellow townsmen as an active clubman, and he is identified also with several fraternities.

A native of Roanoke, Mr. Reid was born December 15, 1911, and is a son of Cephas Smith and Lillian Grace (Sprint) Reid. His father, who is now retired, was president of the Reid and Cutshall Furniture Company. The son began his education in the grammar schools of Roanoke and is a graduate of Jefferson High School in the class of 1933. He then entered Emery and Henry College, at Emery, Virginia.

On completion of his courses there, in 1936, Mr. Reid returned to Roanoke, and there identified himself with the furniture firm of Reid and Cutshall, Inc., with which he has remained since, and has grown in responsibility, and the degree of skill with which he deals with its business problems. He is now vice-president of the firm since the retirement of his father, Cephas Smith Reid.

Mr. Reid served during World War II in the United States Army Air Force, being assigned initially to the 91st Replacement Battalion of the 5th Air Force. He participated in the action in the vicinity of New Guinea, the Philippines, and during the Luzon Campaign; and was in uniform a total of forty-one months and nineteen days, of which thirty-nine months and ten days were spent overseas.

The social fraternities with which Mr. Reid is identified are Gamma Sigma Phi, Beta Tau, and Phi Gamma Nu. Locally, he is a member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, the Lions Club, the Roanoke Cotillion Club, and the Hidden Valley Country Club in Roanoke, Virginia. He is a communicant of the Christ Episcopal Church of Roanoke, and serves this congregation as vestryman, and senior advisor of the Acylete Guild.

Walter Scott Reid married February 25, 1950, Helen Wimmer of Roanoke, Virginia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude A. Wimmer.

FRANK EDWARD KOEHLER—Identified actively with the radio broadcasting field since March 9, 1934, Frank Edward Koehler has emerged as general manager of one of the most influential stations in the Shenandoah region—WROV, with studios in Roanoke. Mr. Koehler has been a citizen of Roanoke, and a resident of the State of Virginia since 1938, and during that period has identified himself with all worthwhile civic movements, as well as exerting leadership in organizations of his professional colleagues.

Mr. Koehler was born in Fulton, New York, on November 16, 1912, and is a son of William Victor and Alice Mary (Grace) Koehler. His father, a prominent citizen of Fulton, was engaged in textile manufacturing in that place. Frank Edward Koehler attended grammar schools, and the Clifton, New Jersey, High School, graduating from the latter in 1931. He then entered Tusculum College in Greenville, Tennessee, and, becoming interested in radio work, rounded out his formal education by attending the Radio Corporation of America Institute in New York City.

He began his career with the National Broadcasting Company, starting out with that great corporation in the humble capacity of page boy in "Radio City", as Rockefeller Center is popularly known. He later was tourist guide, conducting visitors on tours of the Rockefeller Plaza buildings; was advanced to guide supervisor, and latter became tour cashier. Later he became studio setup man, and was also evening supervisor in the guest relations office. This variety of experience was invaluable to him when he came to Virginia to continue his advancement in the radio field.

Mr. Koehler made his home in Richmond in 1938, in that year joining the staff of the advertising sales department of the "Times-Dispatch" radio station, WRTD, which is now designated

by the call-letters WRNL. In 1940, Mr. Koehler moved to Roanoke to assume the responsibilities of sales manager of Station WSL S. On July 15, 1946, he became sales manager of Station WROV, and on August 18, 1947, he became that station's general manager.

During World War II, Frank Edward Koehler served as corporal in the United States Army Infantry.

Widely recognized among the radio broadcasting fraternity, Mr. Koehler is a member of the board of directors of the Virginia Association of Broadcasters (1949). Locally, he is a charter member of the Roanoke Junior Chamber of Commerce, is a member of the Kiwanis Club of Roanoke, and a charter member of the Advertising Club of Roanoke. In 1943, he was a member of the board of directors of the Junior Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Koehler and his family are of Catholic faith, and are communicants of St. Andrew's Roman Catholic Church.

At Richmond, Virginia, October 5, 1940, Frank Edward Koehler married Georgie Elizabeth Farthing, daughter of Thomas Coggin and Mabel Faucett Farthing, the latter parent being now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Koehler are the parents of a son, William Farthing, who was born October 2, 1946. The Koehlers make their home at 3556 Wright Road, S.W. Roanoke. Mr. Koehler's office address is Station WROV, Mountain Trust Bank Building, Roanoke.

GUY MINNIS FISHER—Throughout his life, Guy Minnis Fisher has been identified with the jewelry business, and he has recently extended the field of his interest with the opening of the Fisher Optical Company of Roanoke. In that city, he operated the Wholesale Jewelry Supply Company for nearly a quarter of a century. He is one of the "grand old men" of Roanoke business enterprise.

Mr. Fisher was born May 15, 1875, on a farm near Ivanhoe, Virginia. His parents were James and Nancy Fisher, and his father followed the occupation of farming. During the War Between the States, James Fisher was a member of the Home Guard. Guy Minnis Fisher attended grammar school in his native place, and graduated from Ivanhoe High School in the class of 1896.

Mr. Fisher has been engaged in the jewelry business ever since the completion of his education; and the year 1900 finds him in Marion, Virginia, in association with his brother in the

operation of the firm of G. M. Fisher and Brother. From there he went to Salisbury, Maryland, and there in 1906 succeeded A. W. Woodcods in the jewelry business. He remained in this Eastern Shore town until 1923, when he came to Roanoke, there to establish his home for the remainder of his life.

On settling in Roanoke, Mr. Fisher opened there the Wholesale Jewelry Supply Company, with which he was to be identified for the next twenty-three years. In 1946 he sold his business interest to A. K. Irwin, although he has continued active in Roanoke business enterprises to the present time. One of his interests is the Fisher Optical Company, which he opened in January, 1947. It deals in optical products at both wholesale and retail.

In past years, Mr. Fisher has been a conspicuous figure in lodge affairs in the cities in which he has made his home. He has been fraternally affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Improved Order of Red Men, and the Loyal Order of Moose.

Mr. Fisher continued his membership in the Lions Club of Roanoke, and he is a communicant of the Greene Memorial Methodist Church of Roanoke.

In Bristol, Virginia, January 1, 1901, Guy Minnis Fisher married Jennie Lou Patterson, daughter of Charles and Eliza (Halsey) Patterson. Mr. and Mrs. Fisher became the parents of two children: 1. Maude Patterson, born January 8, 1904, now married to Mr. Short. 2. Virginia Crockett, born January 28, 1912, now Mrs. Smith. Mr. and Mrs. Fisher reside at 2102 Maiden Lane, Roanoke, and Mr. Fisher's business address is 117 Franklin Road.

SHANNON FRENCH HOLLINGSWORTH—Shannon French Hollingsworth, of Roanoke, has been successfully engaged in a number of business enterprises during his career; and his present firm, established as Allied Sales Company in August, 1944, is engaged in food brokerage business. As a partner in this enterprise, he assumes his place among the business leaders of the Shenandoah Valley, and he is likewise prominent in fraternal affairs.

Mr. Hollingsworth is a Tennessean by birth, a native of Washburn in that state. Born January 6, 1910, he is a son of David Edward and Sallie David (Fox) Hollingsworth. His father found his career in the ice cream business, and in dairy operation, in Knoxville, Tennessee. Shannon

French Hollingsworth's education began in that city, in the public schools, and he attended schools in Washburn for a period of nine years. He is a graduate of the Knoxville High School, class of 1927. During 1930-1931, Mr. Hollingsworth attended Draughon's Business College.

Mr. Hollingsworth's first business connection was with a wholesale house in Knoxville, Tennessee, in the capacity of shipping clerk, which position he accepted in August, 1927. He was next associated with the J. F. G. Coffee Company in Knoxville, in 1929, and the next year went with the Standard Brands, Inc., severing his connection with the nationally-known organization to continue his education, as outlined above. After completing his courses at Draughon's Business College, Mr. Hollingsworth went to Salem, North Carolina, where he entered the wholesale grocery business for a period of two years. From there he removed to High Point, North Carolina, where also he engaged in the wholesale grocery business. In August, 1935, Mr. Hollingsworth identified himself with the Carnation Milk Company in Charlotte, North Carolina, as retail salesman, and in this capacity he was transferred to Roanoke in 1941. For some time thereafter, Mr. Hollingsworth was district manager for this firm, with offices in Roanoke; but he terminated his connection with Carnation Milk Company in August, 1944, to enter partnership in forming his own firm.

Mr. Hollingsworth is a member of Lodge 332 of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Roanoke. He is also a member of the Lions Club of Roanoke, and is of Methodist faith, attending Raleigh Court Methodist Church in Roanoke.

At Winston-Salem, North Carolina, December 24, 1932, Shannon French Hollingsworth married Gladys Stewart, daughter of Samuel Minter and Minnie (Perfater) Stewart. Mr. and Mrs. Hollingsworth became the parents of three children: 1. David Samuel, who was born September 22, 1933. 2. Suzanne Carol, born February 3, 1937. 3. Julia Lynn, born July 27, 1938. Their home address is 2508 Oregon Avenue, Roanoke, and Mr. Hollingsworth's office address is at 133 Norfolk Avenue, S.W. Roanoke.

FRANK LESTER O'DONNELL — Associated with the Auto Spring and Bearing Company of Roanoke since the late 1930s, Frank Lester O'Donnell has advanced steadily to the position of secretary of the corporation, and in his executive

capacity has proved himself one of the able business leaders of Roanoke. Mr. O'Donnell devotes most of his attention to his work. He has been active in retailing and insurance sales in the past.

Mr. O'Donnell was born in Roanoke, Virginia, February 11, 1913, and is a son of Frank and Verbena (Lester) O'Donnell. His father is retired from the United States Navy, in which he was chief boatswain's mate. Frank Lester O'Donnell began his education in the grammar school in Roanoke, and he then entered Jefferson Senior High School, from which he graduated in the class of 1932. During 1932-1934, Mr. O'Donnell was attending Roanoke College, and he completed his formal education at National Business College during the 1936-1937 college year.

Mr. O'Donnell's first business connection was with Advance Stores in Winston-Salem, North Carolina and at High Point, North Carolina, and he occupied the position of assistant manager of the store at Winston-Salem for a period of one year. From 1934 to 1936, he was manager of the High Point store, and it was thereafter that he entered National Business College for further preparation in the commercial field.

After completing his courses at business college, Mr. O'Donnell became secretary to Mr. Frank A. Eades, in the Fidelity Mutual Life Insurance Company, Roanoke, from which he went to the Auto Spring and Bearing Company, also of Roanoke, on April 30, 1939. In this firm, he was first employed in the capacity of purchasing agent's assistant, later became credit manager, and when his executive capabilities were fully recognized, was elected secretary of the Auto Spring and Bearing Company, which corporation he has served faithfully and with conspicuous ability during the ensuing years.

Mr. O'Donnell is a member of the First Baptist Church of Roanoke.

At Fincastle, Virginia, September 17, 1940, Frank Lester O'Donnell married Dorothy Weaver Shelton, daughter of Joseph Judson and Anna (Weaver) Shelton. Mr. and Mrs. O'Donnell make their home at 2415 Oregon Avenue, Southwest, Roanoke; and Mr. O'Donnell's business address is 110 Luck Street.

EDGAR FOREST JAMISON—In the Roanoke area the name of Edgar Forest Jamison is identified with several of its finest real estate developments, that may well stand as monuments to his clear vision, courageous enterprise and sound hard



Edgar Forest Jamison

work. Like many another man of achievement, he started his career as a salesman, rising by his own efforts to the presidency of a substantial merchandising firm. Not until he was widely experienced did he launch his own realty company, and thereafter has based his endeavors on a confidence in the future of greater Roanoke and an ambition to contribute constructively to its best interests.

Edgar Forest Jamison was born at Dillons Mill, Franklin County, Virginia, on September 21, 1888, son of John W. and Sarah Elizabeth (Webster) Jamison, his father being a veteran of the Confederate armed forces, long engaged in agriculture in Franklin County. After being graduated from the Franklin County High School, class of 1911, he spent about a year learning business administration in the National Business College. For about a decade he engaged in the wholesale grocery trade in various capacities, mainly as secretary of the Roanoke Grocery and Milling Company. He was president of Jamison Stores, Inc., from 1922 to 1929 in Roanoke, before selling his holdings and establishing E. F. Jamison and Company, realtors.

As already indicated, Mr. Jamison has been associated with some of the outstanding real estate developments in the Roanoke area, such as the Lee Hy Park subdivision, initiated in 1932 and completed in 1948; the Hunters' Home subdivision, started in 1938; Ogden Hills, beginning in 1940, that remains a thriving enterprise as yet unfinished. He is a member of the board of directors of the Johnson-Carper Company, of Roanoke, the Riverdale Farm Corporation, the Moore Chair Company, of Bedford, and the Roanoke Real Estate Board. His experience and forward looking ideas have been drafted in his service as a member of the Roanoke County Planning Commission. He figures prominently in the Rotary Club and the Executive Club, of Roanoke, and fraternally is affiliated with the Masonic Order, the higher bodies of the Order including the Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, in which he holds the thirty-second degree, and member of the Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He belongs to the First Baptist Church of the city.

At Roanoke, Virginia, on March 20, 1913, Edgar Forest Jamison married Mattie Jennings, daughter of Robert and Carolina (Body) Jennings, Mrs. Jamison is a member of the First Presbyterian Church. Mr. and Mrs. Jamison are the parents of two daughters, both born in Roanoke, Virginia:

1. Sarah, born October 14, 1915, who married John M. Formwalt, of Newport, Rhode Island.
2. Martha Ann, born October 14, 1919, who married Dr. Samuel N. LeCount, of Chico, California.

RICHARD THOMAS EDWARDS — An outstanding member of the bar in Roanoke, progressing rapidly to that position from the time of his graduation a decade and a half ago, Richard Thomas Edwards was a logical selection for the office of mayor of this progressive Virginia city, and held office from 1946 to 1948. Mr. Edwards has also ably carried the responsibilities of assistant commonwealth attorney, assuming this position in 1937, only two years after beginning his law practice. He is a man whose influence on the affairs of his community and state have been, and will continue to be, considerable.

Mr. Edwards is a native of Roanoke, born April 15, 1911, son of Elmer Harvey and Clara (Greenwood) Edwards. His father, who was a planter by occupation, and a veteran of the Spanish-American War, died in 1912. Richard Thomas Edwards began his education in the Roanoke Grammar School at Highland Park, after which he entered Jefferson High School, graduating in the class of 1929. His advanced education was obtained at Washington and Lee University from which he graduated in the class of 1935, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws.

From the time of his graduation, Mr. Edwards has practiced law in Roanoke. His name and his family are well known here; and in addition he has brought to the pursuit of his profession a thorough educational preparation, a marked aptitude in dealing with legal matters, and an unfaltering concern for his clients' interests. These traits have combined to make his practice a successful one. He is now a member of the firm of Copenhaver and Edwards. He served as assistant attorney of the Commonwealth of Virginia from 1937 to 1941. Two years later he entered the wartime service of his country, enlisting in the United States Navy in which he attained the rank of lieutenant junior grade shortly after entering the service, and was promoted to lieutenant, which rating he held at the time of his discharge in 1945. A member of the crew of the well-known U.S.S. "Saratoga", he participated in the naval operations in connection with the Iwo Jima campaign.

Shortly after he had resumed civilian life and the peacetime responsibilities of his profession, Mr. Edwards was selected by his fellow townsmen

as candidate for mayor of Roanoke. He was elected to the office, and served from 1946 to 1948. Mr. Edwards is prominent in a number of fraternal connections. He is president of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, has long been a member of Omicron Delta Kappa honorary fraternity, of which he was president while at Washington and Lee. He is also a member of the Kiwanis Club and the German Club, both of Roanoke. His church is St. Mark's Lutheran, of Roanoke.

At Salem, Virginia, May 25, 1940, Richard Thomas Edwards married Augusta Elizabeth Saul, daughter of John Peter and Elizabeth (Hufford) Saul. Mr. and Mrs. Edwards have become the parents of three children: 1. Richard Thomas, III, born March 14, 1941. 2. John Saul, born October 6, 1943. 3. Elizabeth Augusta, born July 5, 1948.

The family resides at 1320 East Drive, Roanoke, and Mr. Edwards' business address is the Colonial Bank Building.

HUGH THRASHER GISH—A man of many talents, Hugh Thrasher Gish is president and general manager of the Blue Ridge Beverage Company of Roanoke. A successful salesman and director of sales for a number of years, he gained experience in the beverage field through association with such nationally recognized concerns as Pepsi Cola and Nu-Grape. Mr. Gish is also well known in his home city for the outstanding part he has played in dramatics. Not only has he acted in a number of local theater productions, but he has also been a producer.

Mr. Gish was born in Roanoke County on November 11, 1898. He is a son of Joseph Mays Gish, a farmer, who was also county agricultural agent, and who served at one time as superintendent of public roads for his county, and of his wife, Annie Laura (Kasey) Gish. Beginning his education in the Oakland Grammar School in Roanoke County, Hugh Thrasher Gish attended Salem High School for two years, after which he transferred to Roanoke High School. He graduated from that school, and followed his secondary education with one year's study of agriculture at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, being interested at that time in the pursuits in which his father had engaged.

However, after leaving college, Mr. Gish decided that salesmanship might be for him a highly profitable field, offering unlimited possibilities. During the next twenty-six years, he made six trips from Canada to Mexico and four from coast to coast, working under some of the finest sales managers in this country. He was during that period on the

sales staffs of various companies. He was employed as district salesman for the International Harvester Company in Virginia; and later was associated with Peet Brothers Soap Company and the Magnus Fruit Products Company in southern California. In 1929, Mr. Gish was district sales manager for Pepsi Cola in New York State and the New England States. He served for five years as district salesman with the Red Top Brewing Company in southeastern territory.

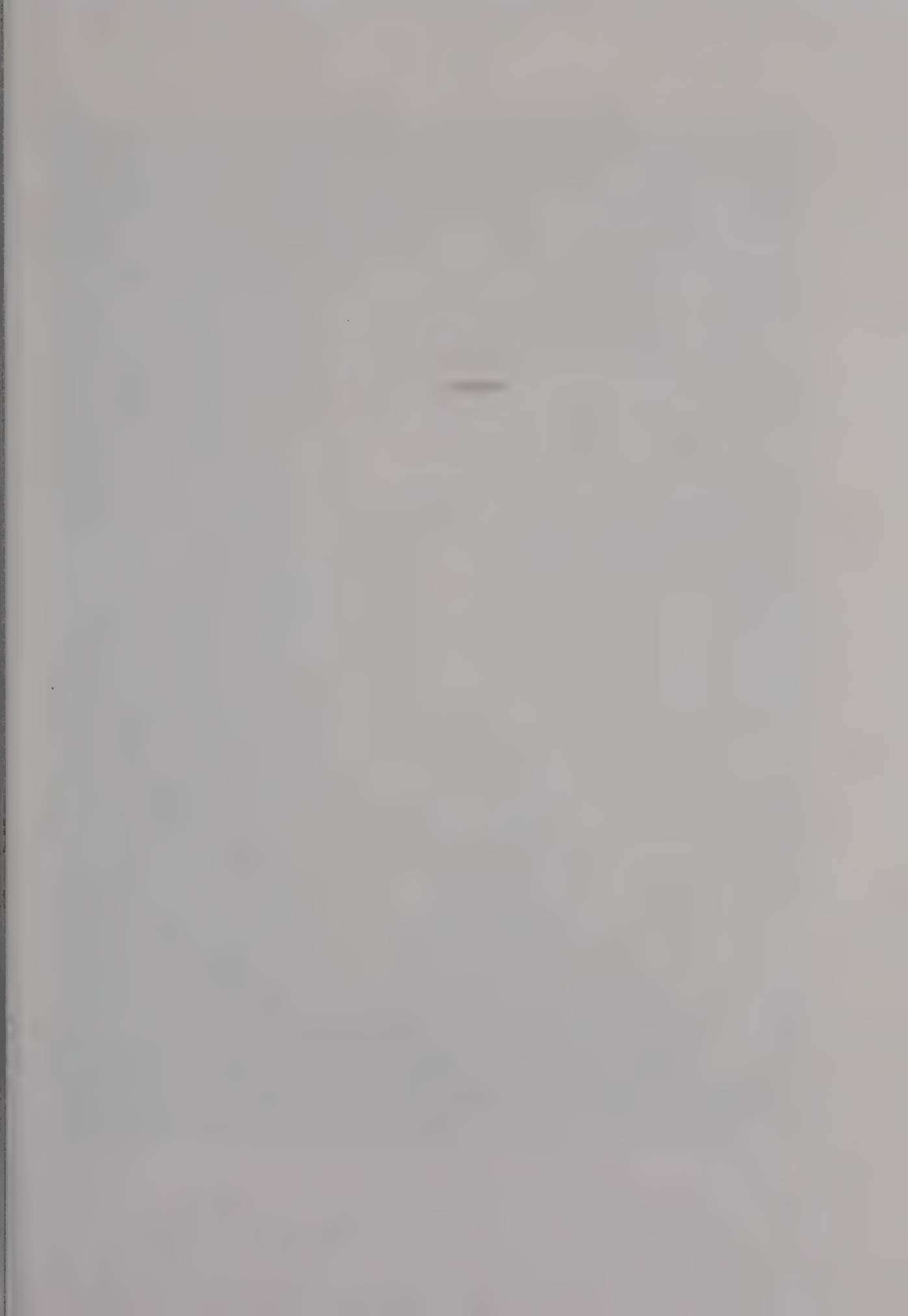
In 1938, Mr. Gish organized the Blue Ridge Beverage Company in Roanoke, Virginia, and has been president and general manager of this concern ever since. It is a successful beverage distribution plant, located at 614 Salem Avenue, Southwest, in Roanoke. Mr. Gish is a recognized figure in the beverage field. He has served two terms as director of the Virginia Malt Beverage Association.

Mr. Gish has always been interested in the legitimate theater, having played in many local productions, including minstrel shows, musicals, and dramas. He played the role of William G. McAdoo in "The House Boat on the Styx", and that of the father in Eugene O'Neill's "Beyond the Horizon". He has also produced one dance revue, and one night club show, which were featured in local theaters. John Howard Payne, of cinema fame, appeared in one of these productions.

Prominent in business and fraternal circles in his home community, Mr. Gish is a stockholder in the First National Exchange Bank of Roanoke, and is a member of the United Commercial Travelers, the Roanoke Country Club, Executives Club and the Lions Club. He is also affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, a member of Lodge No. 197 in Roanoke. Mr. Gish is a communicant of the Greene Memorial Methodist Church in Roanoke.

In Roanoke, January 10, 1948, Hugh Thrasher Gish married Mary Theodosia Parker, daughter of Don Ernest and Fannie Eva (Martin) Parker. They make their home on R. F. D. Route 4, Roanoke County, Virginia.

LEE ROY GARST, of Roanoke, was already a successful farmer when, in 1923, he and his brothers purchased the Star Creamery in Roanoke and changed the name to Garst Bros. Dairy, Inc., which during the years has increased tenfold in production, to become a truly significant enterprise in the Roanoke area's commercial and agricultural picture. Mr. Garst himself is treasurer and man-





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ager of the Garst Bros. Dairy, Inc. and it is largely through his competent and energetic direction that it has assumed its important place in milk distribution.

Mr. Garst is a native of Roanoke County. Son of Monroe and Mattie (Miller) Garst, he was born July 18, 1893. Monroe Garst was a farmer, operating a dairy farm in Roanoke County. He was a well-educated man, trained at Bridgewater College, where he met Mattie Miller, whom he was to marry. She, too, was a native of the Shenandoah Valley. Their son, Lee Roy, attended the schools of Roanoke County, after which he engaged in farming until September 1, 1923.

It was at this time that his enterprising nature asserted itself, and upon the basis of his thorough experience in dairy farming he came to Roanoke and there established the Garst Bros. Dairy, Inc. The venture was begun in a modest way, handling about five hundred gallons of milk. In the years which have followed, its production has been increased to the present five thousand gallons. Mr. Garst himself holds the offices of treasurer and general manager. Other members of the family hold the remaining offices in the corporation, M. C. Garst being president, W. M. Garst vice-president, J. M. Garst, 2nd, vice-president in charge of sales and advertising, and Jonas G. Eller, secretary of the company. The plant serves an area comprising both the city and county of Roanoke. Lee Roy Garst, who stands high in the esteem of his fellow dairymen, is a member of the Virginia Dairy Products Association.

He is greatly interested in fraternal activities, and is a member of Roanoke Lodge No. 197, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He and his wife attend the Church of the Brethren in Roanoke.

In Washington, D. C., January 17, 1938, Lee Roy Garst married Thelma Elizabeth McKenzie, daughter of Charles W. and Bessie McKenzie.

Mr. Garst's business address, that of the Garst Bros. Dairy, is 2701 Richelieu Avenue, Roanoke.

REUBEN ROY RUSH—Practicing law in the city of Roanoke since 1926, Reuben Roy Rush has built up an excellent reputation at the bar. He is a graduate of the University of Virginia in the law, and his experience includes able performance in public office. Mr. Rush's professional associations are many, and he is held in high regard by his colleagues and the public alike.

Mr. Rush, who was born in Roanoke on February 17, 1890, is a son of Robert Lewis and Minnie (Coffman) Rush. His father, a real estate operator, was head of the firm of R. L. Rush & Son, and was also chairman of the Virginia Real Estate Commission.

Commencing his education in the grammar and high schools of his native city, Reuben Roy Rush completed his secondary education in 1917, and entered Roanoke College, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1920. His professional preparation was completed at the University of Virginia, where in 1924, he received the degree of Bachelor of Laws. However, before undertaking his law courses, Mr. Rush obtained teaching experience, and at the same time assisted in defraying the expenses of his own education, as a member of the faculty of Roanoke College during the 1920-1921 college year. While an undergraduate at Roanoke College, he served in the Students Army Training Corps unit there, thus preparing for wartime service in the event of being called into active duty.

Mr. Rush was admitted to the bar in 1923, and his practice in Roanoke began in 1924. From 1926 he was associated with the firm of Funkhouser and Apperson, which in 1930 became Funkhouser, Apperson and Whittle. In 1934, he became a member of a firm which had undergone further changes of personnel to become Apperson, Rush and Gentry. In more recent years, Mr. Rush has practiced independently.

Not unacquainted with the responsibilities of public office, Mr. Rush in 1940 was appointed as assistant United States Attorney.

The fraternities with which Mr. Rush is identified are Pi Kappa Phi, the honorary fraternity Phi Beta Kappa, and the law fraternity Phi Alpha Delta. He is professionally affiliated with the American Bar Association, the Virginia State Bar Association, and the Roanoke City Bar Association. He belongs also to the Blue Lodge of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. Mr. and Mrs. Rush attend the Greene Memorial Methodist Church in Roanoke.

On July 16, 1938, in Roanoke, Reuben Roy Rush married Myrtle Beatrice Thomason, daughter of John Lewis and Callie (Giles) Thomason. Mr. and Mrs. Rush make their home at 2706 Cornwallis Avenue, Roanoke.

CHARLES I. LUNSFORD—As senior partner in the insurance firm of Charles Lunsford and Sons in Roanoke, the late Charles I. Lunsford

was a leader in the business affairs of that city. In banking, civic and educational affairs as well, his constructive influence was recognized.

Mr. Lunsford was born in Roanoke County in May, 1867, a son of Charles and Julia (Preston) Lunsford, and there he received his education. He was employed with the Norfolk and Western Railroad from 1885 until 1889, at which time he became associated with his father in the insurance company known as Charles Lunsford and Sons. From then his entire career was devoted to the insurance business. At the time of his death in 1948, Charles I. Lunsford was senior partner in the firm, which had become recognized among the citizens of Roanoke as one of the firmly established and reliable enterprises. Mr. Lunsford had also become a member of the board of directors of the First National Exchange Bank, and was a member of the board of directors, and treasurer, of Hollins College. He was, throughout his career, active in civic affairs.

Charles I. Lunsford was married to the former Agnes Hartman. They made their home at 1630 Belleview Avenue, Southeast. Mrs. Lunsford survives her husband, who died March 19, 1948, in his eighty-first year. His character as a skilled and reputable business leader, his devotion to the cause of his community, his qualities as a man and a friend will long be remembered in the city where he shaped a successful career.

CARL BENJAMIN FLORA, of Roanoke, has followed the profession of certified public accounting. He is perhaps better known locally, however, as an executive of the Flora Realty Company, engaged in the transfer of real property throughout the Roanoke area.

One of the younger successful business men of the community, Mr. Flora was born in Rocky Mount, Virginia, on June 13, 1916, and is a son of Charles Curtis and Mara Magdalene (Jamison) Flora. Charles Curtis Flora, who has been identified with the realty business for a number of years, is president of the Flora Realty Company. Carl Benjamin Flora received his early schooling in the grade school of Rocky Mount, Virginia, continued at Park Street School in Roanoke, and graduated from Jefferson High School in the class of 1933. In January, 1934, he entered National Business College, which he attended until 1936.

In August of that year, Mr. Flora associated himself with the firm of C. A. Brown and Company, Certified Public Accountants, and remained

there for ten years, or until May, 1946. In that year began his present connection with the Flora Realty Company, established by his father, in which concern the younger Mr. Flora's thorough grounding in accounting procedures has proved a valuable asset. He holds the office of secretary and treasurer of the corporation. Mr. Flora has held, since 1944, a certificate qualifying him to practice as certified public accountant in the State of Virginia.

Carl Benjamin Flora is a member of the Business Men's Club of Roanoke. His religious affiliation is with the Cave Spring Baptist Church of Roanoke.

At Norfolk, Virginia, on November 15, 1938, Carl Benjamin Flora married Mary Leola Ball, daughter of Wilford Henry and Connie (Thomas) Ball. Mr. and Mrs. Flora, who reside on R. F. D. Route 4, outside Roanoke, are the parents of three children: 1. Carl Benjamin, Jr., born December 29, 1939. 2. Barry Lee, born August 23, 1945. 3. Gary Randolph, born December 5, 1947.

WALLACE SAMUEL CLEMENT—Identified throughout most of his career with the food brokerage business, Wallace Samuel Clement has for nearly a quarter of a century headed the Clement Brokerage Company of Roanoke. He is one of the original organizers of Radio Roanoke, Inc. Mr. Clement is also active in the civic affairs of his community.

A son of Joseph Knight and Laura Ann (Winston) Clement, Wallace S. Clement was born October 10, 1894, in Granville County, North Carolina. His father was a farmer, and also successfully followed the occupation of a clothing merchant in Henderson, North Carolina, located in the northern part of the state. Joseph Clement at an early age of eighteen, served in the artillery during the War Between the States, and shortly after entering he was wounded in action.

Wallace S. Clement received his first schooling in his native state, completing his grammar school studies in Stovall, North Carolina. He graduated from preparatory school at Trinity Park, Durham, North Carolina, and thereafter attended Trinity College, which has since become known as Duke University.

Mr. Clement, having finished his education, accepted the position as principal of a three-teacher rural school in North Carolina before entering the United States service. In 1917, he entered military service, enlisting at Richmond in the

United States Army. Assigned to the 80th Division, 318th Infantry Regiment, Company I, he participated in the St. Mihiel Drive and the campaign in the Argonne Forest, in France. He received his honorable discharge on June 5, 1919.

On resuming civilian life, Mr. Clement, on June 23, identified himself first with the American Sugar Refining Company, in the capacity of district representative for the Shenandoah Valley and Southwest Virginia territory. On July 5, 1919, Mr. Clement moved his headquarters from Richmond to Roanoke, Virginia and has, since that date, made his residence in this Virginia city. In 1923, he entered the food brokerage business, as a partner of the firm of W. L. Andrews and Company. This connection lasted for two years, after which Mr. Clement determined that, on the basis of his experience and his realization of the opportunities inherent in food brokerage, his prospects would be excellent in independent business. That his judgment was accurate has been proved by the continuing success of the enterprise he founded, and to which he gave the name of Clement Brokerage Company. Situated in Roanoke, its operations are conducted throughout the Shenandoah Valley and Southwest Virginia. Mr. Clement, in 1946, with a small group ventured into the radio field and organized WROV, Radio Roanoke, Inc., of Roanoke, Virginia, and since that date has served as a director of this corporation; also, he is one of the originators of the Roanoke Food Brokers Association, having served as president. Mr. Clement has advanced to the position of one of Roanoke's most successful and best known business men.

Locally, he is a member of the Roanoke Chamber of Commerce, the Roanoke Round Table, the Kiwanis Club, the Roanoke Country Club, Shenandoah Club and Roanoke German Club. He is affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, has attained the Thirty-second degree, is a member of Scottish Rite, and Kazin Temple in Roanoke. He and his family attend and take an active part at the Second Presbyterian Church of Roanoke.

In the Trinity Methodist Church, Roanoke, Virginia, December 5, 1923, Wallace Samuel Clement married Emma Margaret Andrews, daughter of James Buchanan and Ida May (Engleby) Andrews. Mr. and Mrs. Clement are the parents of a daughter, Doris Marie Clement, who was born December 15, 1926. The family make their home at 812 Wildwood Road, Roanoke, Virginia.

SAYLER NEIL GOOD—As operator of the Neil Good Studio in Roanoke, Sayler Neil Good has taken his place among the leading photographers of the Shenandoah Valley. Mr. Good realized his own capacity in photography soon after entering that field, and determined to follow his livelihood as an independent business man—in a business, however, in which the qualities of the artist are also required.

Mr. Good was born in Starkey, Virginia, January 16, 1912, and is a son of David William and Mary Elizabeth (Murphy) Good. His father, a retired broker, was the first in Roanoke to follow that profession full-time, his business dating back to the days when Roanoke suddenly spurted ahead to become one of Virginia's important and prospering cities. David William Good was also identified, at one period of his career, with the Shenandoah Packing and Mercantile Company; and he was president of the Virginia Cannery Exchange.

Early in life S. Neil Good attended the Starkey Primary School, and his secondary education was obtained in the Back Creek High School, Back Creek, Virginia, from which he later transferred to the Salem High School, Salem. Shortly after his graduation there, he associated himself with the Clover Creamery Company, with which he remained for a period of twelve years. At the end of that time, however, Mr. Good, who had developed a great interest in photography, determined to seek his livelihood in this field, and he joined the Gilliam Studio in Roanoke in the capacity of operator. After ten months with Gilliam, he purchased his own business, which he operates under the name of Neil Good Studio. Mr. Good has been in business in his own name since July, 1946, and during that time his studio has given every indication that its success will continue.

Mr. Good is an active fraternalist, being affiliated with the lodge of the Knights of Pythias, and with the Kiwanis Club. He is a communicant of the First Baptist Church in Roanoke.

In Winston-Salem, North Carolina, December 24, 1934, S. Neil Good married Helen Rebecca Barksdale, daughter of John William and Bessie Lois (Stratton) Barksdale. Mr. and Mrs. Good have two children: 1. Kathryn Elizabeth, born May 16, 1938. 2. William Barksdale, who was born November 22, 1940. They make their home at 912 Dale Avenue, Southeast, Roanoke.

WILLIAM JOHN LOTZ — In Roanoke, Virginia, over the past thirteen years, William John Lotz has been a funeral director, the proprietor

of his own funeral home rated as one of the most complete in equipment and service rendered in the State. With city and State organizations—business, civic, humanitarian and social, he is identified prominently.

Born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on April 1, 1909, William John Lotz is the son of William Lotz, born in Hesse, Germany, and Mary Ann (McCracken) Lotz, born in Northern Ireland, his father being a merchant in Philadelphia, who died June 25, 1936. After attending the Germantown (Philadelphia) High School, from which he was graduated, William John Lotz became a student at the Philadelphia Textile School of Industrial Art, where he was graduated in 1930. Later he prepared himself in his present profession and is a licensed funeral director of the State of Virginia.

Like many successful men, Mr. Lotz arrived at his current endeavors by an indirect route. From 1930 to 1937 he was engaged in the textile trade as a designer of textiles, with the Gilmer-Bell Company and Mt. Royal Mills, of Philadelphia, and the Jerome Leonard Company, of New York City, also selling woolen goods for the latter-named corporation. In 1937, Mr. Lotz came to Roanoke to purchase the Foster Funeral Home, located on the old Andrews properties on West Campbell Avenue. This enterprise was known as the Lotz-Windley Funeral Home until 1942, since when it has been the Lotz Funeral Home. In September, 1947, Mr. Lotz acquired the American Legion home, formerly the Copenhagen Funeral Home, located at 430 West Church Avenue, Roanoke, Virginia, one of the most attractive of properties which has since been operated along the most modern lines. Every possible service is provided, equipment is most complete, and its advantages are offered over a wide area.

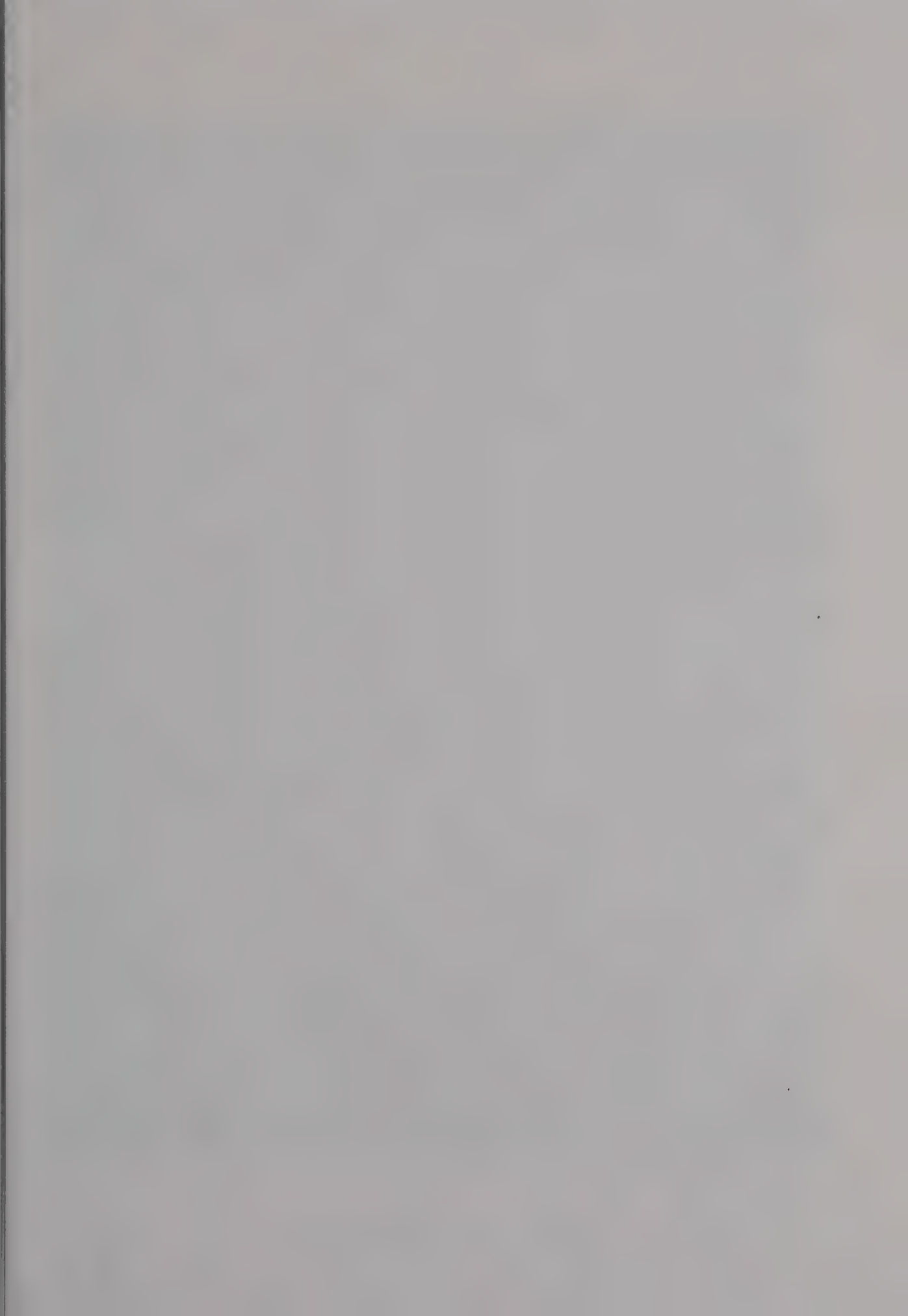
Fraternally Mr. Lotz is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, both of Roanoke, and his keen and constructive interest in community life and affairs is reflected in memberships in varied organizations, in the most of which he is an official. He is a past president (1943-44) of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, and in the same year was State vice-president of this organization; a past president (1945) of the Optomist Club; a director of the Executives Club, of the Goodwill Industries, and the Young Men's Christian Association; and is president of Solicitation Review Board, of Roanoke. He belongs to the First Baptist Church of Roanoke, of which he is a deacon.

On June 6, 1947, at Columbia, South Carolina, William John Lotz married Frances Pettes Cozart, daughter of John and Sara (Wray) Cozart. Her father was born in Washington, Georgia, and her mother in Ridgeway, South Carolina. Mr. and Mrs. Lotz are the parents of a son: William John, Jr., born April 1, 1949. By a former marriage Mrs. Lotz is the mother of a daughter: Sara Allen Lotz, born July 20, 1941.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN SITES, JR. — For some years identified with an important industry of Roanoke, the Caldwell-Sites Company, Benjamin Franklin Sites, Jr., has advanced to the position of secretary of the corporation, and is manager of the duplicating machine department. Mr. Sites has become recognized, while still a young man, as one of the business leaders of this Shenandoah Valley city. He served his country in the recent war, being with the 45th Division on Anzio.

Mr. Sites was born December 15, 1911, in Roanoke, and is a son of Benjamin Franklin and Elizabeth (Harman) Sites. His father, who was president of the Caldwell-Sites Company, died July 4, 1939. The son received his preliminary education in the public schools of Roanoke, and graduated from the Jefferson High School, after which he attended Greenbriar Military School. He has been identified with the firm of Caldwell-Sites since completion of his education, and has advanced in responsibility to the office of secretary of the company. Mr. Sites is in charge of the duplicating machine department. He takes a constructive interest in local affairs and is a member of the Rotary Club.

During World War II, Mr. Sites enlisted in the United States Army, and was assigned to the 45th Division, 180th Infantry Regiment, Company C, with which unit he served in the Italian campaign. His outfit played a vital part in the prosecution of that campaign from its earliest days, advancing from Naples to the historic Cassino, which a long and sanguinary stalemate transformed into one of the most difficult military situations of the war. He was later on Anzio beachhead, a small and precariously held coastal area, where on February 29, 1944, Benjamin F. Sites was wounded and captured by the Germans. He survived the rigors of imprisonment, however; and, the war concluded, returned to play an active part in the commercial and civic life of his native locality.





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Mr. Sites and his family attend St. John's Episcopal Church in Roanoke.

At Fairfax Court House, Virginia, August 7, 1937, Benjamin Franklin Sites, Jr., married Isabel Downing Bradley, daughter of James Erskine and Elizabeth Field (Downing) Bradley. Mr. and Mrs. Sites are the parents of a son, Benjamin Downing, born January 15, 1946.

Mr. Sites's address is 1223 Third Street, Roanoke.

J. E. KALBACH AND SON—The contribution which J. E. Kalbach and Son of Winchester and Lenore has made to railroading and hence to the development of transportation and commerce in general is immeasurable. The firm, with headquarters in Winchester and plant two miles north at Lenore, Virginia, operates mainly in the field of railroad ties and car flooring and has become a leader in this field. Founded in 1900 by Joseph Edmund Kalbach, it became a partnership when his son, Joseph Long Kalbach, entered the business and it is today operated by the latter, J. E. Kalbach having died in 1949. Like his father, Joseph Long Kalbach has become known not only throughout Shenandoah Valley but in the entire railroad world. He is a leading personality in the lumber trade and in the Valley's civic life.

J. E. Kalbach founded this lumber business at Waynesboro, Pennsylvania, in 1900. In 1906, the founder moved his business to Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, where, in addition to the Shenandoah Valley, he operated until his death. In 1924, the partnership with his son, Joseph Long Kalbach, was formed, and as J. E. Kalbach and Son the firm established its plant at Winchester. This became the main plant in December, 1930. The firm manufactures and wholesales hardwood lumber, handling oak car lumber, cross ties, bridge ties and switch ties. Practically the entire output of the business is sold to the Pennsylvania Railroad. Their annual production of railroad ties is approximately 200,000. Eleven are employed in the plants and offices. The oak used in the manufacturing process is purchased from saw-mill operators operating within a seventy-five-mile radius of the Lenore plant who deliver it by truck. During World War II, J. E. Kalbach and Son devoted a large portion of their production in the war effort, supplying a large amount of oak timber in the lend lease program. Joseph Edmund Kalbach, the founder, born at Newmanstown, Lebanon County, Pennsylvania, May 13, 1880, died on

January 22, 1949, at Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, and is survived by his widow, the former Mabel Minnich, as well as the son.

Joseph Long Kalbach, born on December 11, 1900, at Stouchsburg, Berks County, Pennsylvania, was educated at the Chambersburg High School, the Mercersburg Academy, from which he was graduated in 1920, and at the University of Pennsylvania, in Philadelphia, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1924. That was the year he became his father's partner and the firm of J. E. Kalbach and Son was organized. He has been active in the business since that time, and its head since 1949. He is also a member of the board of directors of the Farmers and Merchants Bank of Winchester, and is on the board of deacons of the Winchester Presbyterian Church, and on the board of directors of the American Red Cross. He also belongs to the Railroad Tie Association and the National Hardwood Lumber Association. His fraternity is Alpha Tau Omega. He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Holder of the thirty-second degree in Masonry, Mr. Kalbach is a Noble of Zembo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. He is a Republican.

Joseph Long Kalbach married Nellie Mitchell of Salisbury, Maryland, in that community on October 15, 1935. Mrs. Kalbach is the daughter of Edward and Mattie Mitchell. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Kalbach—Ellen Mitchell Kalbach, on July 7, 1938, and Joseph Edward Kalbach, on January 1, 1942. The Kalbach home is at 313 West Leister Street, Winchester.

JULIAN STANLEY WISE, a native and lifelong resident of Roanoke, holds the position of regional director of the medical division of the Southern Oxygen Company; but his work in connection with rescue squads and volunteer life-saving crews has been no less important, and has earned national recognition for Mr. Wise, who organized the Roanoke Lifesaving and First Aid Crew in 1928, to pioneer in the formation of this type of organization in the United States.

He was born in Roanoke on January 13, 1900, son of Robert Samuel and Marcellus (Himes) Wise. His father was superintendent of telegraph for the Norfolk and Western Railway in Roanoke, and is now deceased. After attending grammar schools in Roanoke and graduating from the Jefferson High School, he went to work for the Nor-

folk and Western Railway; but in 1941 resumed his studies long enough to earn a degree in Safety Engineering at Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

At the time of his association with the Norfolk and Western, Mr. Wise was employed in the motive power department, with which he remained from 1923 to 1932. He was executive secretary to the fire chief of the city of Roanoke from 1932 to 1945, and since the latter year has been in the employ of the Southern Oxygen Company, as regional director of its medical division—an admirable adjustment of man to job, in view of Mr. Wise's widely recognized reputation in safety work.

Mr. Wise's connection with the Roanoke Lifesaving and First Aid Crew, of which he was the motivating force, was thus noted in a magazine article appearing first in "Public Safety" magazine, and deemed to be of sufficient popular interest nationally for condensation in "Reader's Digest" under the title "Roanoke's Volunteer Lifesavers". From the condensed article we quote the following:

... In May, 1928, Julian S. Wise . . . organized with nine other volunteers the Roanoke Lifesaving and First Aid Crew, the first of its kind in America. As its fame has spread, other communities have founded lifesaving crews on the Roanoke, Virginia, model.

The Roanoke crew answers 1500 calls a year. In its 16 years, it has saved more than 200 lives. And when the records state a life was saved, it means that the physician on the scene so attests. People have been saved from death by drowning, gas, attempted suicide, pulled from burning autos, cave-ins and live wires, rescued from floods.

There are 25 members now, all business and professional men. Membership is a coveted honor. To be admitted on probation when a vacancy occurs is only the beginning. The new member must learn swimming, to meet the Red Cross lifesaving test; first aid; techniques of using inhalator, iron lung, acetylene torch and 'hot stick' for handling live wires; expert canoeing; use of diving helmet, grappling iron, underwater telephone. Members must attend two-hour drills every Wednesday night. They must be on call 24 hours a day. Not for two years is a new member permitted to answer calls without the supervision of an older member. And yet there is a long waiting list!

Examples of the organization's achievements in lifesaving complete the article, and those cited therein are of course but a fraction of the total number, many no less dramatic, in the files of the organization. Since 1945, when the article was published, the good work has continued, on an ever more successful and efficient level. In recognition of his status as "father of the rescue

squads", Julian S. Wise was recently unanimously elected president of the state organization, the Virginia Association of Rescue Squads. Among the other officers elected at the same time were J. W. M. Paxton, of Clifton Forge, vice-president; and Dan Veasey (q.v.) of Roanoke, secretary.

Mr. Wise has not been complacent about his achievements. He has gone on to carry some of his ideas, based on the principle of the lifesaving crew, into industrial organizations. The first such organization in the industrial field was at the American Viscose Corporation in Mr. Wise's home city of Roanoke. He has carried his ideas into practice, too, as medical regional director of Southern Oxygen Company. He has briefly set forth his program for industries in a brochure of which he is the author: "Promotion of Industrial Safety", which was published in Roanoke in 1945.

Mr. Wise greatly enjoys fraternal activities, and is a member of the lodges of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. He has advanced through the various bodies of the Scottish Rite Masons to the Thirty-second degree, and is a member of Kazim Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He belongs also to the Knights of Pythias. In connection with his invaluable work, he is a member of the Roanoke Society of Safety Engineers, of which he is past president. He also serves the American Red Cross, having been service chairman of various committees of the local chapter; and he is a scoutmaster in the Boy Scouts of America, holding the rank of Eagle Scout.

In his safety and lifesaving work, Mr. Wise is known, not surprisingly, as "Skipper", a title conferred on him by the crewmen. As founder and captain of the Roanoke Crew, he quite naturally holds a life membership in that organization, and he became the first president of the Virginia Association of Rescue Squads. He is the author of many published articles on first aid and safety, has assisted in the organization of countless new squads throughout the United States, and is the recipient of the Charlotte Randall Memorial Medal for saving a life unassisted. He was a first aid instructor for many years, and Red Cross first aid examiner for the Boy Scouts of America. He holds membership in the American Society of Safety Engineers. At present he is chairman of a committee within the Virginia State Association, charged with the responsibility of forming a National Association of Life Saving Crews. He is second vice-president of the International

Rescue Association. "The Skipper" has taken advantage of every opportunity to address different groups on the subject of life saving, and has been instrumental in creating interest among many groups of people.

Locally, Mr. Wise is a member of the 1900 Club, and attends the Greene Memorial Methodist Church.

In Roanoke, on April 15, 1927, Julian Stanley Wise married Ruth Light, daughter of Bert and Floye (Smith) Light. Mr. and Mrs. Wise make their home at 1534 Terrace Road, Raleigh Court, Roanoke.

WILLARD EARNEST HOWELL—In an active business career, Willard Earnest Howell of Roanoke, has compiled a record of thirty-eight years with one city firm. He has risen from a relatively unimportant position to secretary and treasurer of the important Virginia Supply Company, Inc. Starting on November 11, 1912, with James C. Cassell, contractor, as a stenographer and office clerk, he has continued with its successors. He became district manager and purchasing agent of the Virginia Supply Company, Inc., in 1934, later being an assistant to the president and purchasing agent and, since 1944, secretary and treasurer of the corporation.

Born at Vinton, Virginia, on November 11, 1889, Willard Earnest Howell is the son of Charles Nelson and Nannie Margaret (Short) Howell. His father, at various periods of his life was farmer, carpenter, millwright and building contractor and, as a substantial citizen was honored with election to the Town Council and Mayor of Vinton. Willard E. Howell attended the grammar and high schools of Vinton, and the Salem County High School, and pursued full commercial and shorthand courses at the National Business College of Roanoke, being graduated in about 1909. His first employment of note was with James C. Cassell, contractor, and as indicated, he since has remained identified with the successors of this firm. He follows the tradition and example of his father in community interests and service. His religious affiliations are with the Vinton Methodist Episcopal Church, and he is generous in the support of religious and charitable projects.

At Vinton, Virginia, on November 11, 1914, Willard Earnest Howell married Doshia Elizabeth Lawhorn, daughter of Charles Moses and Cora V. (Baker) Lawhorn.

TERRY WILEY WIMMER — A career with the Virginia Bridge Company, which has its main offices at Roanoke, has afforded Terry Wiley Wimmer ample opportunity for the development of his varied abilities. Mr. Wimmer went with the company in the early years of his business life as secretary to the vice-president, and he is now manager of the advertising department. Mr. Wimmer prepared himself for his responsibilities largely through his own efforts. He has done important work in connection with related industries, particularly the United States Steel Corporation.

Son of George Frank and Etta C. (Owens) Wimmer, Terry W. Wimmer was born in New River, Virginia, June 13, 1891. His father was a contractor, engaged in construction and building in Roanoke as George F. Wimmer, General Contractor. In the public schools of Roanoke Terry W. Wimmer received his education, and he continued to avail himself of the opportunities offered by the public school system of that city by taking night courses.

His first business connection was with the Norfolk & Western Railway Company. Later he entered general contracting, and in 1926 started with the Virginia Bridge Company, with which he has remained since. He was initially employed by that company in the sales department, as secretary to the vice-president. He prepared himself for advancement in the company by taking special courses in advertising, and he entered the advertising department in 1940 as manager. In addition, Mr. Wimmer serves as staff manager in charge of materials pertaining to sales.

Mr. Wimmer has been conspicuously identified with the United States Steel Corporation, and is a member of that company's general advertising committee, market development committee, and general staff managers' committee. He is also associate editor of the "United States Steel News." His impressive business connections have led to Mr. Wimmer's being regarded as one of the commercial leaders of his city. He attends the Raleigh Court Methodist Church of Roanoke, and has been general superintendent of its Sunday school for over eighteen years.

At Roanoke, Virginia, June 9, 1917, Terry Wiley Wimmer married Carrie Easter, daughter of John E. and Alberta (Kitterman) Easter. Mr. and Mrs. Wimmer are the parents of two children: 1. John Easter, born June 10, 1918. 2. Elizabeth Alberta, who married Mr. Hampton Martin.

MILLARD REED ROBERTSON—For nearly a decade Millard Reed Robertson has been associated with the Dillard Paper Company, of Roanoke, for practically all of this period being secretary and treasurer of this important corporation. His career prior to his coming to the city, was of such a versatile character as to give him a background that makes for capable and varied services and outlook, of great value to the firm he serves.

A Virginian, Mr. Robertson was born in Bedford County, on February 8, 1900, son of William Lewis and Virginia M. (Hubbard) Robertson. Raised on his father's farm and beginning his education in rural schools, he early became familiar with the advantages and disadvantages of both. He spent the years from 1906 to 1915 in the Bedford County grade schools, and then continued his education in the New London Academy, Forest, Virginia, which was a "prep" school to the University of Virginia, but instead of matriculating at this noted institution, he went to a business college, and then went out on his own to launch a career. Later developments in his life caused him to become interested in accountancy, and he was graduated from the American Institute of Banking, in 1926, and from 1928 to 1931 pursued courses in the Pace Extension Institute of Accountancy of New York.

The first employment of note engaged in by Mr. Robertson, aside from youthful farming, was that of a letter carrier. Wanderlust, possibly, and a desire to see something of his country, may have been back of his leaving Virginia to do all sorts of things in a number of States. He was connected with the wholesale hardware business, labored in the wheat harvest of Kansas and of Oklahoma, and took odd jobs along the way. He was therefore acquainted with other parts of the Nation, when in 1920 he returned to Virginia and entered the employ of the First National Exchange Bank, of Roanoke. From 1925 to 1930, he was a bookkeeper with W. W. Boxley and Company, railroad contractors and then to 1934 was personnel director, secretary and treasurer of the W. W. Pugh Department Store. He also had his try at the automotive business, as secretary and treasurer of the Wright Motor Corporation, 1935 to 1940. Since the latter-named year, Mr. Robertson has been accountant, then secretary and treasurer of the Dillard Paper Company, a businessman of reputation and a substantial resident of Roanoke. At one time he was a member of the Elks Club, and is a popular member of the Roa-

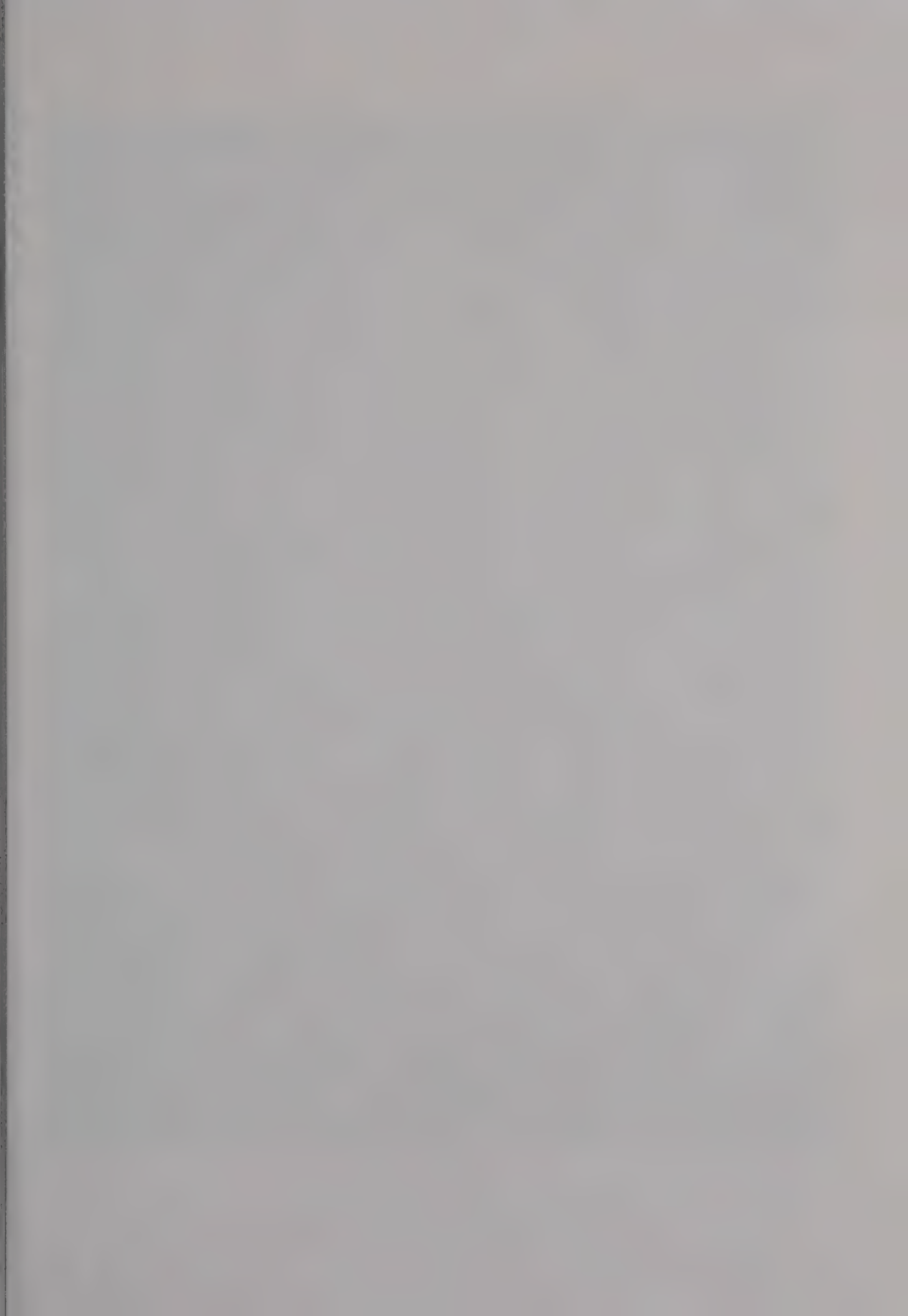
noke Country Club. His religious affiliations are with the Calvary Baptist Church of Roanoke.

In Roanoke, Virginia, on December 29, 1942, Millard Reed Robertson married Gladys Vivian Lotts, daughter of James Manassas and Lula (Spicer) Lotts. Mr. and Mrs. Robertson are the parents of twins, Donald Reed and Ellen Kay, born October 12, 1945.

HAYWOOD DANIEL VEASEY—A graduate engineer, Haywood Daniel Veasey has practiced his profession since 1935 with the exception of an unusually long round of duty with the United States Armed Forces during World War II. For the most part his industrial association has been with the Appalachian Power Company since his separation from the Army, in connection with the distribution department, with headquarters in Roanoke. His military record is distinguished as a commanding officer, including the rank of lieutenant colonel.

Haywood Daniel Veasey was born at Durham, North Carolina, February 27, 1912, son of Stephen Bennett and Posey Mae (Tilley) Veasey, his father being a buyer for the American Tobacco Company, at South Boston, Virginia. After attending the grade schools of South Boston, he completed his preparation for higher education in the C. H. Friend High School, where he was graduated in 1931. Matriculating at the Virginia Military Institute, he received the degree of Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering with the class of 1935. Later he enlarged his knowledge, notably of electrical installations, by courses in the International Correspondence School, majoring in line and underground wiring. He had participated in several campus activities while at Virginia Military Institute, and is a member of the Kappa Alpha (social) fraternity, Washington and Lee chapter.

From the Virginia Military Institute, Mr. Veasey joined the Appalachian Power Company, employed on rural line construction, but went with the Virginia Bridge Company about a year later, as field engineer and clerk, working on the noted Norris Dam in Tennessee. He returned, however, shortly to the Appalachian Power Company and was associated with its distribution department from 1936 to 1940, when he was called to active duty in the United States Armed Forces, of which further. After nearly six years of active military service, he rejoined the Appalachian Power Company, in 1946, and since has been identified with its distribution department. At





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that time he took up his residence in Roanoke and has entered into several community activities and organizations. He belongs to the Business Men's Club of the city, and his religious affiliations are with the Virginia Heights Baptist Church, Roanoke.

Since the age of eighteen years, Mr. Veasey has been interested in military affairs and a member of military organizations. From 1930 to 1933 he was a private and then corporal in the Virginia National Guard, was commissioned second lieutenant in the Organized Reserve Corps in 1935 and advanced to first lieutenant in 1938. He went on active duty September 16, 1940, as a first lieutenant with Headquarters Battery, 3rd Battalion, 246th National Guard Coast Artillery Corps. From September to December, 1941, he attended a Coast Artillery School; commanded Company A, 246th National Guard, December, 1941, to June, 1942, and attended Anti-Aircraft School at Camp Davis, North Carolina, June to July, 1942. Transferred to the 512th Anti-Aircraft Regiment at Fort Bliss, Texas, August 1, 1942, where he commanded Company H, 512th Regiment, from August 1, to September, 1942. He served as plans and training officer from September 3, 1942, to January 20, 1943. The unit was redesignated the 107th Anti-Aircraft Group and went overseas June 5, 1943, arriving at Oran, Africa, June 23, of that year. In the initial invasion of Sicily, July 10, 1943, he was with the 7th Army. Transferred to the 5th Army, which moved to Italy, November 5, 1943, he participated in campaigns in Italy, Naples, Foggia, Rome, Arno and North Apennines. During this time he was executive officer, S I and S II. Haywood D. Veasey was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for service with the Brazilian troops. Before returning home he was Deputy Chief of Staff of Montecatini Redeployment Area, in Italy, and arrived home from overseas in July, 1945, to be a member of the Coast Artillery Board, Fort Monroe, Virginia. Transferred to Fort Bliss, Texas, as executive officer of the 11th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Group, he was made commanding officer of the 58th Battalion, January to May, 1946. He was separated from the service in June, 1946, with the rank of lieutenant colonel, having been promoted to this rank on September 9, 1944, while overseas.

At Hollins, Virginia, in the Enon Baptist Church, on November 20, 1937, Haywood Daniel Veasey married Eleanor Mae Epperly, daughter of Maury and Alice Bessie (Chambers) Epperly. Mr. and Mrs. Veasey are the parents of two sons:

1. William Maury, born November 20, 1938.
2. Stephen Wallace, born March 19, 1940.

SAMUEL AMBROSE JESSUP—Perhaps no business leader in contemporary Shenandoah Valley affairs is executive head of as many organizations vitally connected with the life of that region, as is Samuel Ambrose Jessup of Charlottesville. Mr. Jessup founded the Virginia Pepsi-Cola Company in 1909, and has since remained its president; but he has also identified himself in recent years with a large number of transportation operations. These concerns represent a vast network of bus and other transit lines. Mr. Jessup is official head of each; and he also directs agricultural, insurance, and other varied enterprises, as well as being active in banking and in municipal government.

A native of Westfield, in Stokes County, North Carolina, Mr. Jessup was born June 9, 1877, and is a son of William Anderson and Susan Elizabeth (Blancett) Jessup. His father was a farmer by occupation, and served in the Confederate States Army during the War Between the States, being stationed at Macon, Georgia, when the war ended. Brought up on a farm, Samuel A. Jessup himself first engaged in agriculture, after completing his studies in the public schools of North Carolina and Virginia. From 1896 to 1904, he owned and operated a farm in Patrick County, Virginia. He was also proprietor of a general store, and was in addition postmaster of Camelia, Virginia, which post office no longer exists.

In 1904, Mr. Jessup made the change which was to determine the course of his career. In that year he became owner and operator of the Martinsville Bottling Works, a firm engaged in the bottling of carbonated beverages, located at Martinsville, Virginia. Five years later, he founded, at Charlottesville, the Virginia Pepsi-Cola Company, which has established a branch at Warrenton, Virginia. Of this concern, part of the organization producing the nationally known cola beverage, Mr. Jessup has remained president to the present time.

Another of Mr. Jessup's successful ventures had its beginning in 1914, when he founded the Monticello Dairy, Inc., of Charlottesville, which has branches at Orange, Culpeper, Bedford, and Marshall, Virginia. He has been president of the Monticello Dairy since that time.

In 1926, Mr. Jessup purchased, and has since been president of, the Virginia Stage Lines, with

main offices in Charlottesville. Upon this sound beginning, he has continued to enlarge his enterprises in the transportation field, and as a result of purchases and extensions of operations he at the present time holds these offices: president of Virginia Stage Lines, Inc., with main offices at Charlottesville; president of Safeway Trails, Inc., main offices in Washington, D. C.; president of Safeway Transit Company, Inc., a city bus line in Wilmington, North Carolina; president of Roanoke Railway and Electric Company, Inc., a city line in Roanoke, Virginia; president of Safety Motors, Inc., of Roanoke, Virginia; president of the Lynchburg Transit Company, Inc., operating a city bus line in Lynchburg; chairman of the board of directors of the Charlottesville and Albemarle Bus Company, Inc., of Charlottesville; member of the board of directors of National Trailways, Inc.; president and director of Trailways Service, Inc., operating garages in Washington, D. C.

Mr. Jessup is also president of the following varied enterprises: City Laundry and Dry Cleaning Works, Inc., Charlottesville; M. C. Hill Funeral Home, Inc., Charlottesville; Riverview Cemeteries, Inc., of Charlottesville; and the Virginia Mutual Insurance Company, which has its main office at Richmond. He is treasurer and director of Natural Bridge of Virginia, Inc.; chairman of the board of directors of the Lynchburg-Westover Dairies, Inc., and is owner of the Mountain Valley Farm, engaged in the production of beef cattle, near Charlottesville, and of "Snowden" Dairy Farm at Scottsville, Virginia, which produces Golden Guernsey milk.

He is a director of the following: the Haldeman Creamery, Inc., of Winchester, Virginia; Monticello Hotel, operated by Jefferson Park Hotels, Inc., of Charlottesville; Swananoah, Inc., of Waynesboro; the Virginia Travel Council, Richmond, Virginia, and financial institutions which include the People's National Bank of Charlottesville and branches; Virginia State Building and Loan Corporation of Charlottesville; and the People's Finance Service of Richmond, a small loan corporation.

As one of Charlottesville's foremost business leaders, Mr. Jessup has served his city in civic capacities. He was city commissioner from 1932 to 1940. He is a member of the Men's Business Club and the Kiwanis Club and Redland Club, all of Charlottesville; and of Lodge No. 389, in that city, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. In his religious faith, Mr. Jessup is a Presbyterian.

At Brim, Virginia, May 21, 1899, Samuel Ambrose Jessup married Frances Elizabeth Hatcher, who died in May, 1942, at Charlottesville, Virginia. Mrs. Jessup was a daughter of Rush F. and Mary Elizabeth (Bennett) Hatcher. They became the parents of six children: 1. Lucy Hatcher, now the wife of Winfrey Royal Parker, a banker, of Powhatan, Virginia; they have two children, Samuel A. and Lucy Ann. 2. Mary I. 3. Betty Sue, a business executive in Charlottesville. 4. Claude Ambrose, business executive in Charlottesville; married Mamie Atkinson and they have one child, Claudia Jane. 5. Philip Samuel, an attorney in Washington, D. C.; married Lucille Price and they have three children, Price, Philip, Elizabeth. 6. James Leslie, business executive in Wilmington, North Carolina.

Mr. Jessup's home is at 614 East High Street in Charlottesville.

ALBERT RUDOLPH GREMSE—Outstanding among the industrial executives who have come to Roanoke in comparatively recent years is Albert Rudolph Gremse, comptroller and member of the board of directors of the Virginia Bridge Company (United States Steel Corporation). His business reputation had already been made in the North, where also he was widely known for his wide variety of interests, humanitarian, religious, social and club. In Roanoke he has continued to devote time and to give leadership to similar activities, and is a welcome addition to many community organizations and undertakings.

Mr. Gremse was born in Brooklyn, New York, on September 14, 1907, son of Ferdinand Rudolph and Elise Bernadina (Dietrich) Gremse. His father, now retired, was over a long period the manager of the Sundry Sales Division of the American Hard Rubber Company, of New York City. He was a veteran of World War I, and was formerly chairman of the Wayne Township School Board in New Jersey. After attending the grammar schools of East Orange, New Jersey, Albert Rudolph Gremse was graduated from high school in 1925. In order to further prepare himself for a career, he studied while employed, in the night classes of the New Jersey Law School, at Newark, and New York University, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Commercial Science, with the class graduated in 1933.

While completing his formal and technical education, Mr. Gremse was variously employed, first by the Fidelity Union Title and Mortgage Company, of Newark, New Jersey. In September, 1925,

he became locator in the title department; was made accounts receivable clerk in December, 1927; was placed in charge of the cash disbursements section, and from 1934 was chief accountant in charge of the accounting department. When the company was reorganized as the New Jersey Realty Company, in June, 1937, he resigned in December of that year to join Haskins and Sells of Newark, as a semi-senior public accountant. From April, 1939, to December, 1942, Mr. Gremse was chief accountant and tax consultant with the Sperry Products Company, of Hoboken, New Jersey. At the beginning of 1943, he entered the Virginia Bridge Company (United States Steel Corporation), at Roanoke, where until July, 1946, he was supervisor of the tax bureau. Since July, 1946, he has been comptroller of the company, and a member of the board of directors, in charge of the accounting department and the financial affairs of the corporation.

Even the briefest of outlines indicates the progress Mr. Gremse has made in business and industry as a specialist in accounting, whose background includes a knowledge of commercial law and a degree from one of the best universities in the United States. As an undergraduate of New York University, he became a member of the Sigma Sigma Sigma fraternity, a loyal alumnus. Along professional lines he is a member of the Controllers' Institute of America, and of the Cost Accounting Committee of the American Railway Car Institute. In Roanoke, Mr. Gremse is a popular figure in the Optimist Club, its vice-president in 1948-49, and president in 1949-50. With the Boy Scouts movement and organizations, he has been unusually prominent for some time, being a "Thirty Year Veteran" since he joined in 1919, when only twelve years old. His record reads as follows: Eagle Scout 1925-50; Merit Badges, Silver Palm; assistant Scoutmaster Troop 13, East Orange, New Jersey; Scoutmaster Troop 3, East Orange; Scoutmaster Troop 13, Livingston, New Jersey, organized troop; Scoutmaster Troop 33, Roanoke, organized troop. He was one of five scouts representing the State of New Jersey at the Eastern States Exposition, Springfield, Massachusetts, in 1926, lecturing on mining and surveying. Mr. Gremse was camper and leader, of the Oranges and Maplewood area Boy Scout Camp known as Camp Kittatinny, for ten years, and the Orange Young Men's Christian Association Boy Scout Camp. For a similar period he was camper and leader, American Youth Foundation Christian Leadership Training Camp, in New

Hampshire and Michigan, and a member of its executive committee. He belongs to the United States Volunteer Life Saving Corps, the American Red Cross Society, and was an organizer and first president of the North Jersey Campers Club, and long time member of the Orange Young Men's Christian Association. At present a communicant of the South Roanoke Methodist Episcopal Church, member of the board of stewards, adviser and teacher of the Young People's Division, he came here from the Park Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church, East Orange, New Jersey, where he served as president of the official board, taught the Men's Bible Class, and in a large sphere of religious activities was past president of Essex County (New Jersey) Young Peoples' Council; past president of the New Jersey State Young Peoples' Council; past president of the Mens' Bible Class Federation of the Oranges; past president of the Essex County Federation of Mens' Bible Classes; and past vice-president of the New Jersey Federation of Mens' Bible Classes.

At the Central Brick Presbyterian Church, East Orange, New Jersey, on March 26, 1941, Albert Rudolph Gremse married Jean Elizabeth Faust, daughter of John William and Helen Hamilton (Crowther) Faust. Mr. and Mrs. Gremse are the parents of four daughters: 1. Joan Elizabeth, born November 10, 1942. 2. Kathleen Joyce, born June 15, 1944. 3. Helen Hamilton, born January 11, 1947. 4. Martha Louise, born June 16, 1948.

JACK BROADDUS MUNDY — In Roanoke there are few men more widely known in the city than Jack B. Mundy, vice-president in charge of operations of the Mundy Motor Lines. He is a native of Roanoke, graduate of one of the institutions of higher education of which Virginia is proud, and has spent more than a dozen years in close contact with motor freight transportation.

Jack B. Mundy was born in Roanoke, Virginia, on August 14, 1914, son of Harry Gardner and Blanche (Adams) Mundy, his father being the founder of the Mundy Motor Lines. After attending the Park Street grammar school and the Lee Junior High School, Mr. Mundy completed his preparation for higher education in the Jefferson High School, all of Roanoke. Graduated in 1933, he matriculated at Virginia Military Institute, where he was graduated with the class of 1937. In that same year he became associated with his father in the Mundy Motor Lines, and at present is the efficient vice-president in charge of operations. Fraternally he is affiliated with Lakeland

Lodge, No. 190, Free and Accepted Masons, a member of the higher bodies including Kazim Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a member of the Shenandoah Club, and Calvary Baptist Church.

At Roanoke, Virginia, on August 2, 1938, Jack B. Mundy married Charlotte Marie Rice, daughter of John and Lula Rice. Mr. and Mrs. Mundy are the parents of three children: 1. Charlotte Judith, called Judy, born December 20, 1939. 2. Jack Broaddus, Jr., born October 19, 1944. 3. Martha Rice, born July 8, 1948.

WILLIAM EDWARD JAMES—During the twenty years and more that William Edward James has been a citizen of Roanoke, he has won deserved recognition as a business and civic leader, as manager of a large district extending widely in the Shenandoah Valley, and as a prominent member of commercial, community and club organizations.

Born in Princess Anne County, Virginia, on May 7, 1898, Mr. James is the son of Captain Robert Lee James and the former Mary Virginia Capps, and the grandson of Colonel Edward James, member of one of the long established families of Virginia. His father, now deceased, was a sea-faring man in early life, active in the fishing industry of Chesapeake Bay. He later engaged in agriculture and was a substantial citizen of his section.

William Edward James received the advantages of a broad education. After attending the Norfolk City schools, he was prepared for college in the Maury High School, from which he was graduated in 1916. Matriculating at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, he attended as a member of the class of 1920. In the meanwhile he had spent a year during World War I, assigned to engineering studies. After leaving the Institute he entered the employ of the Graybar Electric Company, now one of the outstanding American corporations in its field of operations. Starting as a warehouse man, in 1925 he was transferred to the Richmond, Virginia, branch of this company as a salesman. Three years later he came to Roanoke to take charge of the local branch of the Graybar Company activities. Since 1932, Mr. James has been manager of the Graybar interests that comprise branch services in the Shenandoah Valley area, southwestern Virginia, and the southeast section of West Virginia.

Despite the heavy demands upon his time and energies made by his responsible position, Mr.

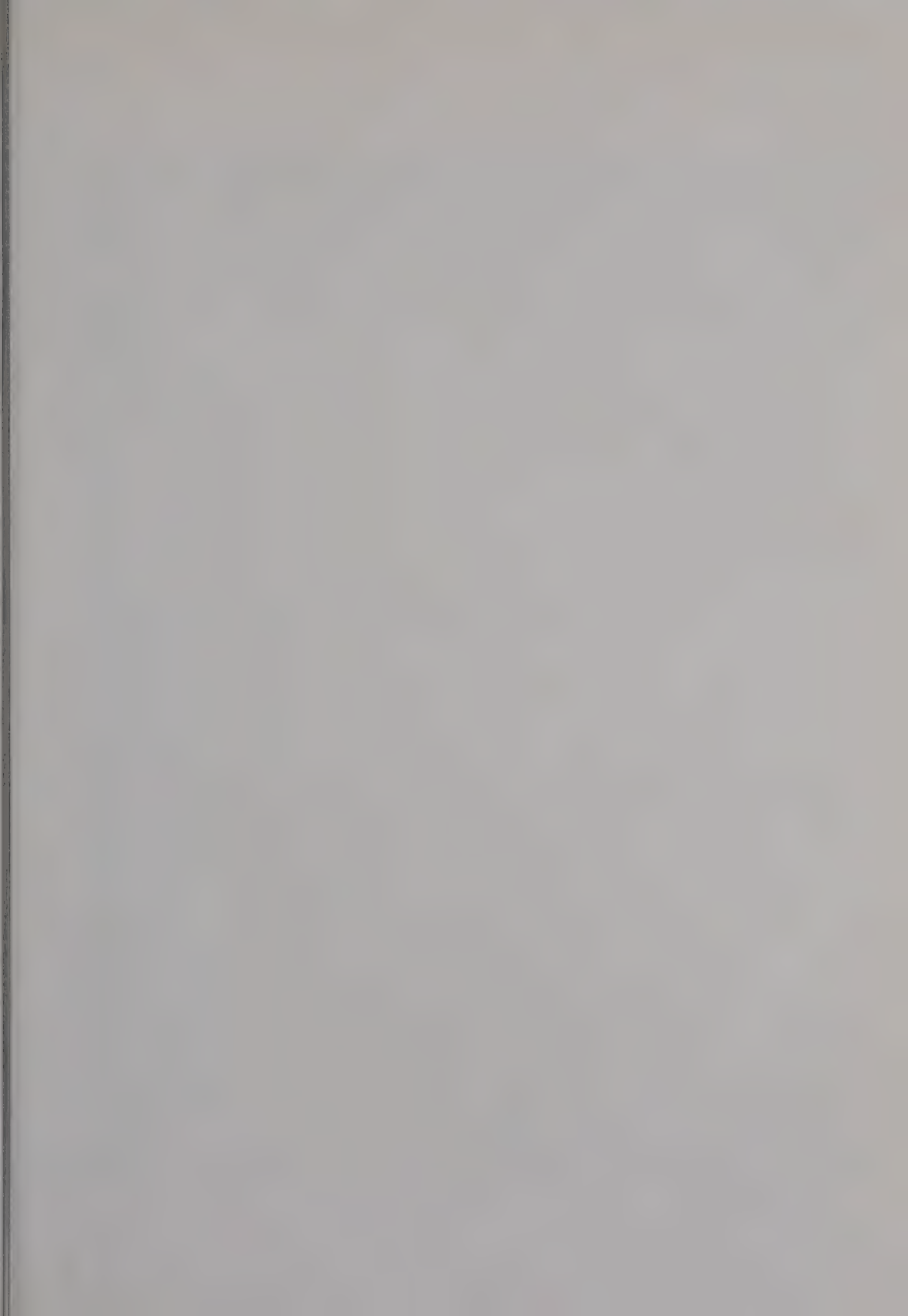
James has not neglected his opportunities for service as a progressive citizen, but has given his organization abilities generously to the establishment of civic groups, and enjoys thoroughly affiliations with his fellows. He is a Rotarian, a member of the Roanoke Chamber of Commerce, the Shenandoah Club, the German Club, and helped organize the Pyramid Club of Norfolk. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, and its higher bodies, including Kazim Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He attends the Second Presbyterian Church of Roanoke.

On December 18, 1936, at Roanoke, Virginia, William Edward James married Phyllis Denison, daughter of Clarence and Belle (Kilby) Denison. Her mother is the daughter of Captain LeRoy Kilby, a veteran of the Confederate Forces, Infantry Division, of the War Between the States. Clarence Denison is the son of the late Captain Denison of Connecticut. Mr. and Mrs. James are the parents of a daughter: Phyllis Denison, born March 20, 1938.

LEWIS O'DELL BROWN—From railroading to the automotive industry is the course of the career of Lewis O'Dell Brown, proprietor of the Blue Ridge Motor Company, dealers representing the Buick Automobile Company cars and products in Roanoke. A native of Lynchburg, Virginia, born on September 2, 1898, he is the son of James Robert and Sarah Ella (Fox) Brown, his father being engaged in the hardware business in Lynchburg.

Mr. Brown was educated in the grammar schools of his birth city, the Abingdon High School, and the Virginia Polyclinic Institute. He early began making a livelihood, on June 7, 1916, entering the employ of the Norfolk and Western Railway System. Transferred to Roanoke, on June 13, 1918, he therefore has been a citizen of the city for more than three decades. He quit railroading in 1921, and after selling real estate for some months, became on February 1, 1922, secretary of the Roanoke Motor Company, Chevrolet car dealers, remaining until August 1, of the following year. He then became office manager of the Waynick Cadillac Company, with which he continued to May 1, 1935, at which time he took over the Blue Ridge Motor Company, dealers in the Buick automobile.

In the course of his business activities, Lewis O'Dell Brown has made his name known over a wide territory in and out of Roanoke, and him-





F. S. Baird

self a popular man in a variety of commercial and civic circles. During World War I, he enlisted in the United States Army, and acquired his military training at Blacksburg, Virginia. With several of the drives and civilian projects of World War II, Mr. Brown was constructively identified. He attends the Second Presbyterian Church of Roanoke, and is liberal in support of charitable and religious works.

On October 11, 1922, at Roanoke, Virginia, Lewis O'Dell Brown married Mary Elizabeth Patsel, daughter of Martin Jacob and Clara Leonard (Duffel) Patsel. Mr. and Mrs. Brown are the parents of two children: 1. Jacquelyn Patsel, born September 26, 1923. 2. Lewis O'Dell, Jr., born September 12, 1925.

PAUL HUBER COFFEY—In Roanoke, Paul Huber Coffey is best known for his executive connection with the Evergreen Burial Park and associated enterprises, and for his activities with public recreation projects in the city. However devoted to his business endeavors he has given himself freely and effectively to serving youth in sports and play. Born on October 9, 1901, in Augusta County, he is the son of James Leonard and Bertie May (Shue) Coffey, his father, now deceased, having been a farmer and substantial citizen of Augusta County, Virginia.

Paul Huber Coffey attended the Mint Springs grammar schools, was graduated from the Robert E. Lee High School, Staunton, and matriculated at the Randolph Macon College, where he received the Bachelor of Arts degree with the class of 1925. In that same year he came to Roanoke to enter the employ of Evergreen Development Company, Inc., a connection that never has been broken. He first worked as a salesman and made good in this demanding vocation. In 1929 he was made sales manager of the company, and in 1932 was named manager of operations; in 1937 he took over charge of all operations of the corporation as general manager and a member of the board of directors of the Evergreen Development Company, Inc. Currently he is secretary of the board of the Evergreen Burial Park Trustees.

Mr. Coffey is likewise a stockholder of the Columbia Building and Loan Association of Roanoke, also of the Southwest Building and Loan Association, and of the Hidden Valley Country Club. He keeps in touch with his line of business and with men identified with similar lines, by memberships in the Virginia Cemetery Association,

of which he is president; the American Cemetery Association, and the National Cemetery Association. His broader interests are exemplified in memberships in the Optimist Club, of which he is a past president, and lieutenant governor of the Sixteenth District Optimists Clubs. Mr. Coffey is a director of the Roanoke Chamber of Commerce, a trustee of the city's Young Men's Christian Association; member of the Hidden Valley Country Club, and fraternally is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Pythias, and the United Commercial Travelers of America.

Very high in personal interest is the promotion of recreational facilities for the youth of Roanoke. Mr. Coffey is a member of the Youth Commission of the City of Roanoke, being one of the chairmen since 1945. An organizer of the Sand Lots organization and charter member, he has given leadership to an interesting and important feature of community play and sports, and at present is president of Roanoke Recreation Association. A communicant of Greene Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church, Mr. Coffey serves on the board of stewards, is a past president of the Men's Club, has been teacher of the Bible Class for college boys and girls for the past seven years, and is president of the choir of the church.

At Bluefield, West Virginia, on October 2, 1927, Paul Huber Coffey married (first) Mary Lee Wagner, daughter of James Edward and Fannie (Bailey) Wagner, who died in 1938. Mr. and Mrs. Coffey were the parents of two children: 1. Nancy Lee, born November 12, 1928. 2. Paul Huber, Jr., born March 27, 1931. Mr. Coffey married (second), at Staunton, June 3, 1945, Rebecca Elizabeth Rogers, daughter of Asa B. and Lena M. Rogers.

FLAVE S. BAIRD—Serving since the beginning of 1949 as vice-president in charge of traffic of the Norfolk and Western Railway Company, Flave S. Baird is one of the railroad's top executives and a leading resident of Roanoke. His work with this company has continued uninterruptedly since he first became connected with it in 1910.

Mr. Baird was born January 10, 1890, at Carbon Hill, Ohio, son of David Dell and Ruth (Walters) Baird. His father, born December 16, 1854, in Maxville, Ohio, was a coal miner until his death, June 29, 1925, in Columbus, that state. He was active in Ohio labor affairs, and served on the school board in his home community. The mother

was born June 11, 1858, in Mountain Ash, Wales, and died in Columbus, Ohio, in 1932.

Schools of his Ohio birthplace provided Flave S. Baird's early formal education through the high school grades, and afterward he attended business college. He entered the Norfolk and Western organization on May 1, 1910, as a stenographer in Columbus, Ohio. He became a clerk in the same city, beginning May 18, 1911, so serving until made assistant chief clerk on January 17, 1917. In that capacity, he still centered his work in Columbus, continuing there through the period of his service as chief clerk to the assistant general freight agent, from March 16, 1920, to May 1, 1925. On that date he was assigned to Roanoke, Virginia, as coal freight agent. On February 1, 1927, Mr. Baird was made assistant general freight agent in Roanoke. On May 1, 1939, he was promoted to assistant freight traffic manager here, and on September 1 of that same year he became general coal freight agent. On November 1, 1940, he became assistant vice-president of traffic in Roanoke. Then, on January 1, 1949, he was chosen to be vice-president in charge of traffic.

So serving in the Roanoke community down to the time of writing, Mr. Baird is also active in a variety of organizations. He is a member of numerous railway association committees, is a director of the First Federal Savings and Loan Association, and is prominent in Republican party circles. He was elected president of the Roanoke Kiwanis Club in 1949. He also belongs to the Free and Accepted Masons, the Roanoke Country Club and the Baptist Church.

Flave S. Baird married, December 4, 1915, Edith Baer, of Columbus, Ohio, who was the daughter of William E. Baer and Sarah Tatman Baer; she is now deceased. They became the parents of two children: 1. Miriam, who married G. G. Simpson, of Roanoke, Virginia, and they have three children: Gordon Saunders, Philip Baird, and Anne Baird Simpson. 2. Sarah Ruth. Mr. Baird married (second), August 10, 1946, Era Palmer Ryan, of Roanoke, Virginia, daughter of Elmer E. Palmer and Ella Harris Palmer. Mrs. Baird has one son by a previous marriage, Robert Jay Ryan.

CREED FULTON FRAZIER, II—From general merchandising, Creed Fulton Frazier, II, of Roanoke, early graduated to the selling of automobiles and after spending some years in several States, returned to Virginia where, for the past

fourteen years, he has been engaged in the same line of business. Currently and for more than a decade he has been associated with the Blue Ridge Motor Company, one of the leaders in its field in Roanoke.

Mr. Frazier, II, was born at Graham, Virginia, on December 27, 1902, a son of Creed Fulton and Alta Juanita (Saunders) Frazier. His father, a prominent figure in Graham life and affairs, is and has been a merchant, insurance agent, oculist, and Commissioner of Revenue in the town for thirty years. Educated in the grade schools of his birthplace and private schools, Creed Fulton Frazier, the younger, continued clerking in his father's store to 1919, after which he spent three years in the coal field learning mining first hand, and managing company commissaries in Lego, West Virginia.

The year 1922 marked the turning point in the career of Mr. Frazier, II, when he became identified with Dr. S. J. Kell, distributor of Chrysler automobiles. After being a salesman from 1922 to 1924, he entered the employ of the Harris-Wellford Automobile Company as car salesman, and followed this same line as head salesman of the Whitlow Company. In 1927 he launched his own enterprise at Radford, Virginia, the Frazier Motor Company. Returning to West Virginia, he was connected with the Tyree Motor Company at Bluefield, and in 1930 went to Danville, Virginia, with the Wyatt Payne Motor Company. The year 1930 saw him busy with the Johnson Chevrolet Company, in Roanoke, but in 1932 he removed to Pomeroy, Ohio, with the Blattner Motor Company. He opened the Frazier Motor Sales Company, in Gallipolis, Ohio, and did not come again to Roanoke until 1936 to be associated with the Roanoke Motor Sales Company. Since 1938 he has been prominent in the automobile business with the Blue Ridge Motor Company. His name and activities are well known over a large territory, and he has a host of friends in all walks of life. His military experience has been as a sergeant in the Virginia State Militia; fraternally he is affiliated with the United Commercial Travelers Association, and he is a former member of the Woodmen of the World. He attends the First Methodist Church, of Salem.

At Graham, Virginia, on January 21, 1925, Creed Fulton Frazier, II, married Ruth Conner, daughter of Elmer Stuart and Sylvia (Bailey) Conner. Mr. and Mrs. Frazier are the parents of the following children: 1. Joyce Elaine, born December 8, 1925. 2. Carol Jane, born June 18, 1929. 3. Ruth Joane,

born December 5, 1930. 4. Jacqueline Lee, born January 4, 1932. 5. Creed Fulton, III, born February 14, 1936.

McADEN PEEBLES RANSOM—Although a relatively recent addition to the businessmen of Roanoke, who have contributed so importantly to its development along many lines, McAden Peebles Ransom has made himself welcome and popular for his many contributions to the industries of the city and to civic and social affairs. His knowledge and experience were exceptionally wide, particularly in the field of the lumber trade, before he became the owner and operator of the Roanoke Terminex Company. A veteran of World War I, of long and active service overseas, he has been to the fore in the civilian support of military affairs during the recently concluded World War II.

Born at Triune, Tennessee, in 1895, McAden Peebles Ransom is the son of George Thomas and Eliza (Grey) Ransom, his father being a lumber executive, head of the Ransom Lumber Company, and of the Hatchie Lumber Company of Nashville and Jackson, Tennessee. The son was educated in the grammar and high schools of Jackson, and Union University of the same place. He began his business career with a lumber company in Jackson, and was with the Hatchie Lumber Company for three years. He then was employed by John B. Ransom and Company, prominent in the lumber trade in Nashville, Tennessee. Starting in 1919 as a time clerk, before he resigned in 1924 he had acted in several capacities, including the post of superintendent of the plant. From 1924 to 1932, Mr. Ransom was associated with the E. L. Bruce Lumber Company, in the research department, as salesman in Chicago, Illinois, and as superintendent of the Little Rock, Arkansas, plant. During the low spot in the national depression of the 1930s he had the enterprise and courage of his ideas to join the Terminix Division, and thereafter established Terminix companies in the largest cities east of Mississippi. In 1941 Mr. Ransom acquired the Roanoke Terminix Company, and has since headed its business activities with eminent success.

Mr. Ransom is a member of the Lions Club of the city, the Shenandoah Club, the Country Club, and fraternally is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He attends the Protestant Episcopal Church. Just about old enough to see active service during World War I, McAden P. Ransom was a sergeant in the United States Marine Corps, with the Second Division,

Sixth Machine Gun Battalion, 23rd Company. Overseas with the American Expeditionary Forces, for two and a half years, he participated in the hard fighting in Belleau Wood, the Champagne campaign, the taking of the St. Mihiel Salient, the Argonne Offensive, or the outstanding battles of the war. He was wounded three times in action, and is the recipient of several military citations.

On September 3, 1921, at Nashville, Tennessee, McAden Peebles Ransom married Alberta Vaughn Spain, daughter of J. D. and Bertha (Harrison) Spain. Mr. and Mrs. Ransom are the parents of a daughter: Jane, born October 25, 1927.

ROBERT ALBERTI LAPSLEY, D.D.—For some years, Dr. Robert Alberti Lapsley has been pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Roanoke. He came to that pulpit after a succession of pastorates elsewhere in the South. Dr. Lapsley is active in the broader field of church work, and in educational connections. He is widely known as the author of three books: "Like As We Are", "Home Mission Investments," and "Beside the Hearthstone," and has conducted a religious radio program each Sunday for nineteen years. Radio listeners, readers, and interested laymen throughout the South, have recognized in Dr. Lapsley a courageous and gifted advocate of the cause of the church.

A native of Charleston, South Carolina, Robert A. Lapsley was born September 19, 1884, and is a son of Robert Alberti, Sr., and Genie (Brown) Lapsley. His father was also a Presbyterian clergyman in Richmond, Virginia, for thirty-three years, and Editor of the Sunday School literature of the Presbyterian Church in the United States. On completion of his secondary education, Dr. Lapsley entered Washington and Lee University, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1905. The same university granted him the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity in 1925, and he also holds the degree of Bachelor of Divinity from Union Theological Seminary.

After ordination to the Presbyterian ministry, Dr. Lapsley accepted a call to the Presbyterian Church of Newton, North Carolina, after which he occupied the pulpit of the church of that denomination at Clarkton. He next became pastor of the Howard Memorial Presbyterian Church in Tarboro, North Carolina. After a period as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Columbia, South Carolina, Dr. Lapsley came to Roanoke to

accept his present pastorate. He has become known and highly regarded, beyond the circle of his own congregation, through his good works in several channels. One of these is the educational. Dr. Lapsley is a member of the board of education of the Presbyterian Church in the United States. He is also a member of the board of Montreat College; and a member of the synod's committee on church extension in Virginia. Another channel through which Dr. Lapsley has exerted his influence is broadcasting. For nearly a score of years, he has appeared each Sunday over radio station W D B J. A third channel of his influence is his writing.

He is affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and locally is a member of the board of the Goodwill Mission, and the Lions Club and Executives Club.

In Newton, North Carolina, June 1, 1910, Dr. Robert Alberti Lapsley, Jr., married Katherine Abernethy, daughter of Theodore Rankin and Mary Jane (Campbell) Abernethy. Dr. and Mrs. Lapsley are the parents of a daughter, Janie Campbell, born January 27, 1913. She married John C. Bell of Columbus, Ohio. Dr. Lapsley's home is at 2115 Crystal Spring, and his study at Wellington Avenue and McClanahan Street, Roanoke.

WILLIAM BERNARD DRAPER — The name Draper has been associated with the construction business and the motor transportation trade in Roanoke over a long period. William Bernard Draper, of the second generation, has been identified with both, but longer and more prominently as the president and directing force of the Draper Motor Service Company, of the city. He is the son of William Walter and Mena Humphery (Griggs) Draper, his father being the well known construction contractor, head of the W. W. Draper Company, of Roanoke.

William Bernard Draper was born at Lynchburg, Virginia, on February 22, 1907, and after attending the Roanoke grade schools, went to the Fork Union Military Academy, Fork Union, where he was graduated with the class of 1928. He early became associated with his father in business and was employed as a foreman of the W. W. Draper Company on construction works until 1932, when he struck out for himself in a different line of activity, under the trade title of the Draper Motor Service Company. The years have brought reputation for his enterprise and for himself, both as a

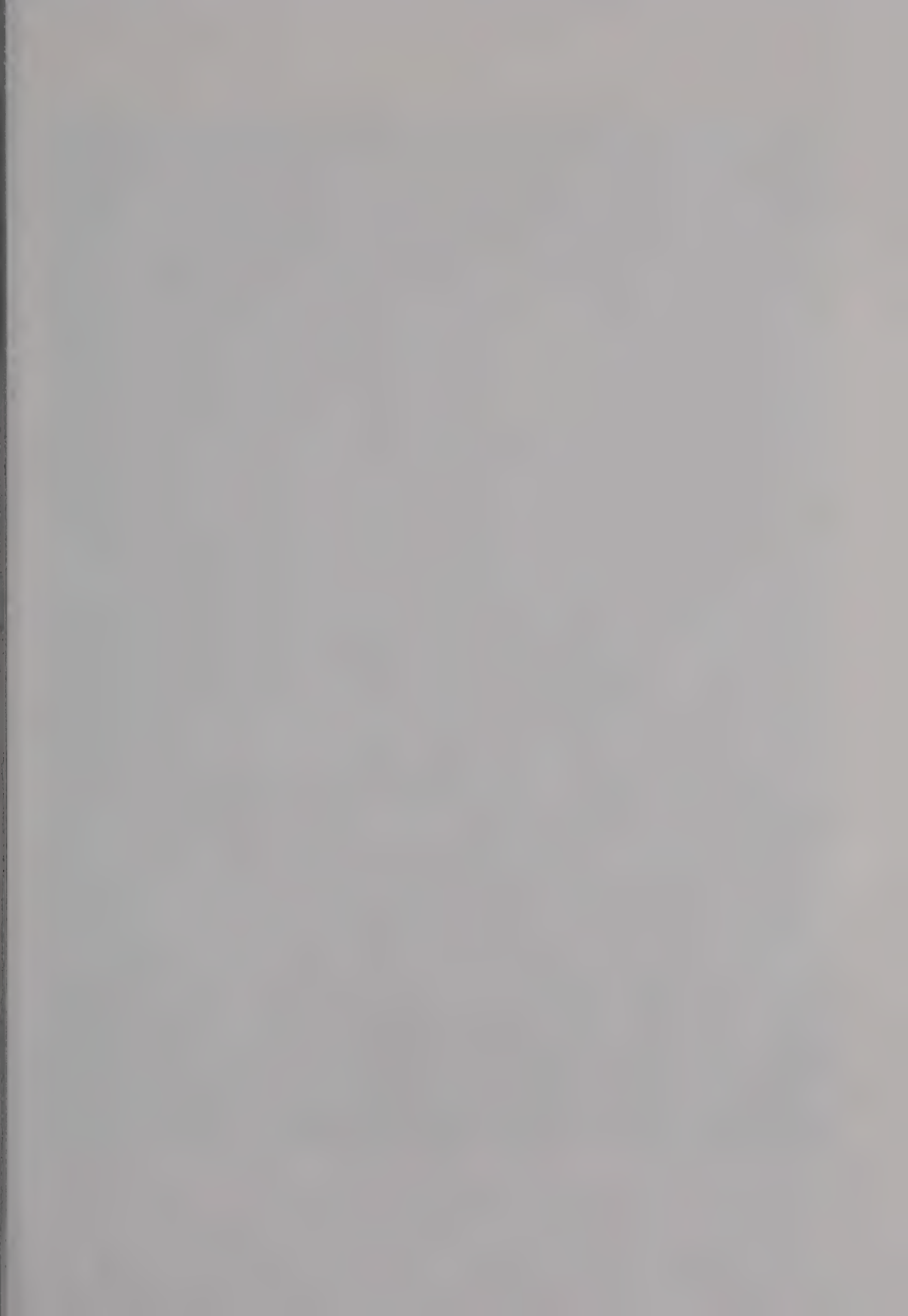
business man and for hearty cooperation with civic projects. He is a member of the United Commercial Travelers of America, and fraternally is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. A popular clubman, he belongs to the Rockledge Club, the Roanoke Cotillion Club, the Shenroke Skeet Club, and the Hidden Valley Country Club. He attends Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, Roanoke.

On April 3, 1929, at Bristol, Virginia, William Bernard Draper married Lemis Avis Frye, daughter of Lewis and Sippie May (Crozier) Frye. Mr. and Mrs. Draper are the parents of three children: 1. William Bernard, Jr., born May 2, 1935. 2. Robert Randolph, born July 1, 1942. 3. John Crozier, born January 31, 1946.

CHARLES PRESTON BRUMFIELD — With the business life and affairs of Roanoke, Charles Preston Brumfield has been identified from the completion of his education in the University of Pennsylvania. He is not a Virginian, despite the fact that he has lived in the State since childhood, for he was born at Muncie, Indiana, on December 20, 1903, son of Kline Coleman and Mary Etta Brumfield, his father, now deceased, having been a wholesale dealer in the paper trade. After being graduated from the Jefferson High School, at Roanoke, the son completed his formal education in Roanoke College, Salem, this State, and prepared for a career by studies in the University of Pennsylvania Wharton School of Finance and Commerce, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Since 1931, he has been the owner and operator of C. Preston Brumfield and Company, which he organized, and engages in the general insurance and bonding business, an outstanding leader in its field. Mr. Brumfield was pledged to the Sigma Phi fraternity while a college undergraduate, and in Roanoke is a popular figure in the Lions Club and the Roanoke Country Club. His religious affiliations are with the Calvary Baptist Church of Roanoke, and he is associated with several charitable and civic groups in the city.

On June 20, 1935, at Roanoke, Virginia, Charles Preston Brumfield married Eugenia O. Bush, daughter of Eugene Luck and Cora (Shields) Bush. Mr. and Mrs. Brumfield are the parents of two children: 1. Charles Preston, Jr., born September 28, 1939. 2. Gene Bush, born August 25, 1941.





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WILLIAM PROVINCE McGUIRE, M.D. —

Member of a family long associated with the practice of medicine in the Shenandoah Valley, William P. McGuire, M.D., of Winchester, has followed in that professional tradition. He is an ophthalmologist with an extensive practice in the Valley, and he is associated with a number of hospitals there and elsewhere.

A native of Winchester, Dr. McGuire was born March 29, 1908, son of Hunter Holmes and Charlotte (Claybrook) McGuire. His father, who practiced for fifty years as an ophthalmologist, died January 22, 1949, surviving by nearly thirty years his wife, the former Charlotte Claybrook, who died December 4, 1921. Dr. McGuire's great-uncle was a surgeon on the staff of General "Stonewall" Jackson. The grandfather of Dr. William P. McGuire was also named William P., and he too was a prominent physician in Winchester. The father of this first William P. McGuire, was Hugh Holmes McGuire, M.D., who was thus the great-grandfather of the gentleman who is the subject of this sketch, and who was also the first, chronologically, to distinguish himself as a physician. He was born in Virginia, November 6, 1801, and was a grandson of Edward McGuire, of an old family of County Fermanagh, Ireland. In 1751, this Edward McGuire was stricken with yellow fever while journeying to join the staff of General John Sigismund McGuire, his uncle, in Austria. After recovering, he returned to Ireland, disposed of his estate, and came to America. Soon afterwards, he moved to Alexandria, Virginia, and in 1753 made his home at Winchester, where he built a hotel. He was a gentleman of comprehensive education, was a friend of Bishop Carroll of Maryland, and a generous contributor to the Catholic Church. He died in 1806, at the age of eighty-six. His son, also named Edward, was at one time proprietor of the McGuire Hotel in Winchester. He married Betsey Holmes, and both of them died in 1828. One of their seven children was Dr. Hugh Holmes McGuire.

Hugh Holmes McGuire attended Winchester Academy, and after completion of his preparatory education enrolled in the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania. He began practice in 1820. Dr. Hugh Holmes McGuire passed nearly his entire life in Winchester. He rose to distinguished rank as a surgeon. He was the founder of the Winchester Medical College, where he filled the chair of surgery, and continued to be interested in its work until the college buildings

were destroyed by the Union troops during the War Between the States. During that conflict, he accepted a commission as surgeon in the Confederate States Army, and was placed in charge of hospitals at Greenwood and Lexington, where his wide surgical experience made his services of the highest value. Dr. Hugh Holmes McGuire married Ann Eliza Moss, daughter of William Moss of Fairfax County. They were the parents of nine children, of whom one, Dr. William P., was the grandfather of Dr. William Province McGuire of whom further. Dr. William Province McGuire's father, Hunter Holmes, was named for another of these nine children—a surgeon who distinguished himself, as his father had done, in the War Between the States. This Dr. Hunter Holmes McGuire was born at Winchester, October 11, 1835, and was educated at Winchester Academy, where his father had attended school before him. His early medical training was obtained at the medical college in Winchester which his father, in association with other physicians, had established. For many years prior to the War Between the States it was attended by many students. In 1854, Hunter Holmes McGuire was graduated from this professional school with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. From 1856 to 1858 he filled the chair of anatomy in the Winchester Medical College, and in the latter year went from Winchester to Philadelphia, where he conducted a class with Dr. Pancoast and Dr. Lockett. He later practiced his profession in New Orleans, but on the outbreak of the War Between the States returned to Virginia and enlisted in the Confederate States Army. Very soon after his enlistment he was made medical director of the army in the Shenandoah Valley under the command of General "Stonewall" Jackson. He served under that famous officer with distinguished ability until the General's death at Chancellorsville. He later published, among his various contributions to professional literature, an account of the wounding and death of General Jackson, whom he attended. After Chancellorsville, Dr. McGuire served as medical director of the Second Army Corps until the close of the war. While surgeon-general, he inaugurated the custom of exchanging medical officers, and hence anticipated by several years the action of the General Conference. In 1865, Dr. Hunter Holmes McGuire settled in Richmond and was elected to the chair of surgery in the Medical College of Virginia, a position which he continued to hold until 1878. In 1883 he founded St. Luke's Home for the Sick, with an

attendant training school for nurses which in 1899 was removed to a building erected for it in the western part of Richmond. In 1893, Dr. McGuire founded, in conjunction with other associates, the University College of Medicine in Richmond. In connection with it the Virginia Hospital was established. He became the president of both the college and the hospital, and as a member of the college faculty he was clinical professor of surgery. He was also one of the founders of the Medical Society of Virginia in 1870, and after serving for a number of years as chairman of its executive committee, he became its president. He held many other offices in professional organizations, among these being president of the American Medical and president of the American Surgical associations. He died September 19, 1900. One of his sons, Dr. Stuart McGuire, also achieved eminence in the same profession, becoming president and professor of surgery at the Medical College of Virginia. He also held the degree of Doctor of Laws, and served in the United States Army Medical Corps during World War I as a lieutenant colonel.

Continuing the notable history of the McGuire family in its relation to medical practice, Dr. William P. McGuire, second of that name, is of a branch of the family associated in recent generations with the field of ophthalmology. His father, Dr. Hunter Holmes McGuire, as has been indicated, followed that branch of medicine for half a century. William Province McGuire attended Shenandoah Valley Academy, graduating in 1928, after which he entered the University of Virginia. On completing his academic courses there, he continued his medical studies at the same school, and graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1935.

The next year, Dr. McGuire interned at the Union Memorial Hospital at Baltimore, Maryland. His internship completed, he was, from 1937 to 1940, resident in ophthalmology, at the Institute of Ophthalmology, Presbyterian Hospital—Columbia Medical Center, 168th Street and Broadway, New York City. He has since that time practiced in Winchester, continuing his specialty of ophthalmology. The only interruption in his practice came at the time of World War II. Prior to the beginning of this conflict, he had on September 17, 1941 been called to active duty in the United States Navy Medical Corps and been commissioned a lieutenant. He was first stationed at the United States Naval Medical Center at Bethesda, Maryland; then for eighteen months was

aboard the U.S.S. "Relief" in the South and Central Pacific areas. He thereafter returned to the United States Naval Medical Center. On February 11, 1946, Dr. McGuire was retired to inactive duty in the rank of commander.

In resuming his practice in Winchester, Dr. McGuire has formed a number of other professional connections. He is a member of the staff of the Winchester Memorial Hospital, as well as a member of its executive committee. He is a consultant at the Newton D. Baker Veterans Hospital at Martinsburg, West Virginia, and also consultant at the Charlestown, West Virginia, Hospital. He has prospered well in his private practice of ophthalmology, with offices at 705 North Braddock Street in Winchester.

Dr. William P. McGuire is certified by the American Board of Ophthalmology. He is a member of the American Medical Association, the American Ophthalmological Society, the Ophthalmological Society of the United Kingdom, the Association for Research in Ophthalmology, the Pan-American Ophthalmological Association, and the American Academy of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology. He belongs also to the Medical Society of Virginia, and Delta Psi fraternity.

Dr. McGuire has participated freely in the affairs of his city, particularly those aspects of its administration for which his professional preparation qualifies him. He has been a member of the city council since 1946, and is chairman of the sanitary committee of Winchester. In his political views, Dr. McGuire is an independent. He is a communicant of the Episcopal Church.

At Ridgewood, New Jersey, in October, 1940, William Province McGuire, M.D., married Dorothy Elizabeth Robinson of that city, daughter of Joseph A. and Anne Robinson. Dr. and Mrs. McGuire are the parents of one daughter, Sheila, who was born September 17, 1944. The family resides at 220 Handley Boulevard, Winchester, and Dr. McGuire's office address is 105 North Braddock Street.

JOHN DAVID NORMAN—Prominent among the younger group of businessmen of Roanoke, John David Norman began his commercial career as a salesman, in this testing vocation building up a success that eventuated in the organization of the firm that bears his name during the depth of the national financial depression of the nineteen thirties. He not only brought his company through the trying commercial conditions of that period

and the later World War II years, but has made it an important concern in Roanoke.

John David Norman was born at Irishburg, Virginia, on April 10, 1906, son of George Washington and Nannie Isabel (Still) Norman. Raised on his father's farm he attended a grammar school at Axton, and was graduated from the Jefferson High School, in Roanoke, with the class of 1924. From the latter-named year to 1932, John David Norman spent eight years of experience as a salesman with the Wellons and Cofer Company, clothing store in Roanoke. Thrift, enterprise, and experience, enabled him to establish his own business in 1932, widely known under the name John Norman, Inc. The years since have brought him reputation for these qualities and for a sincere interest in the promotion of the progress and prosperity of his city. He is a prominent member of the Roanoke Merchants Association, and of the Kiwanis Club. A humanitarian, he serves actively as a member of the Board of the Tuberculosis Association. Among his clubs are the Roanoke Country and the German. His religious affiliations are with the First Presbyterian Church of Roanoke.

On January 9, 1937, at the Calvary Baptist Church in Roanoke, Virginia, John David Norman married Caroline Adams Moore, daughter of Edward Samuel and Carrie (Adams) Moore. Mr. and Mrs. Norman are the parents of two daughters: 1. Suzanne Pierce, born May 27, 1939. 2. Caroline Scott, born December 20, 1941.

JOSEPH DANDRIDGE LOGAN, JR., has headed two successful business enterprises in Roanoke County. Until 1948, he was president of Old Dominion Candies, Inc., in Roanoke; and he remains president of Frigid Freeze Lockers, in Roanoke and Salem, which he organized in 1944. Mr. Logan is a man with varied business experience, both in this country and abroad. He is active in banking and in civic affairs in Salem.

Born July 3, 1898, in Union, West Virginia, Joseph D. Logan, Jr., is a son of Joseph and Georgine (Willis) Logan. His father, an attorney by profession, practiced for many years in Union, and moved to Salem, in Roanoke County, Virginia, in 1906. There, he became an esteemed leader in the community, served as city attorney, and continued rendering the high calibre of public service which had resulted in his election to the state legislature, in his adopted state of West Virginia.

The younger Joseph D. Logan concluded his preliminary education in Salem, graduating from high school there in 1916. He then entered Roanoke College, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1919, and he continued his studies at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York, where in 1921 he received the degree of Master of Science.

Mr. Logan inaugurated his business career by becoming purchasing agent for the tobacco firm of P. Lorillard Company, Inc., and for ten years he was in Greece and Turkey buying tobacco for this nationally known concern. However, he had become interested in returning to his own State, and came to Roanoke in 1933 and purchased an interest in the assets of W. G. Baldwin Company, manufacturers of Martha Washington Candy, and operated this business until 1940, under the name of Martha Washington Candies, Inc., at which time the name of this concern was changed to Old Dominion Candies, Inc. Mr. Logan continued as president of the corporation until September, 1948, when he sold his complete interest.

From 1944 he had been devoting increasing time to the management of Frigid Freeze Lockers, in Roanoke and Salem, which company he had founded in that year. On determining that this was his primary field of interest, he decided to identify himself with it exclusively. In it, he holds the office of president.

Mr. Logan is a director of the Bank of Salem, on whose board he has served for sixteen years. He is active in all civic affairs, and for the past three years has been co-ordinator for Roanoke County of the Community Fund campaign. Mr. Logan is also active in the Boy Scouts of America, being a member of the Roanoke area council, and chairman of the Cub committee. He is a member of the Cornell Club of New York City, and of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, and is locally identified with the Rotary and the Shenandoah Clubs. Mr. Logan is past president of the Virginia State Frozen Locker Association. He is a communicant, and a vestryman, of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Salem.

In Lexington, Virginia, May 28, 1938, Joseph Dandridge Logan, Jr., married Frances Wilson McNulty, daughter of Charles See and Anna Aylett (Anderson) McNulty. Mr. and Mrs. Logan are the parents of three children: 1. Joseph Dandridge, III, born July 22, 1940. 2. Anna Aylett Anderson, who was born May 8, 1942. 3. George Willis, born January 2, 1945. Mr. Logan's address is 301 West Main Street, Salem.

JAMES PRINGLE LAURIE—A roofing specialist, James Pringle Laurie of Roanoke has made a reputation throughout the Shenandoah Valley as a construction man. Part owner of the Valley Roofing Corporation of Roanoke, he is that concern's executive vice-president and general manager. He is well known among builders in both West Virginia and Virginia, and through his present activities is contributing to the construction program that is rapidly alleviating the housing shortage in the Valley.

Mr. Laurie, son of Lewis and Ruth (Cline) Laurie, was born at Welch, West Virginia, on August 28, 1912. His father is now deceased. The roofing operator first attended the Beckley elementary schools and in 1929 was graduated from the Beckley High School. He later supplemented this academic education, not only with apprentice work and training in the roofing and sheet metal fields, but also with correspondence and other forms of study, and, in addition he attended the National Business College in Roanoke. Among the other schools in which he studied were the International Correspondence Schools and the Factories Engineering and Training School.

Mr. Laurie went into the roofing and sheet metal contracting business at Beckley in 1933, and until 1940 was associated with the Barger Roofing Corporation. Then he went to Princeton, West Virginia, where he purchased the Woodrum Roofing Corporation. This he sold in 1942, when he entered the housing construction field at Pearisburg, Virginia. In 1944 he established himself at Roanoke as part owner and executive vice-president and general manager of the Valley Roofing Corporation. Among organizations in his field to which he belongs is the Roanoke Real Estate Board. He is also active in the Optimist Club of Roanoke and in the Roanoke Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and Roanoke Country Club. He and his family worship in the Raleigh Court Methodist Church of Roanoke.

Mr. Laurie married Edna Mae Myers, the daughter of Chelsey Roy and Hattie (Owen) Myers, at Abingdon, Virginia, on April 22, 1933. They have two children—Anne Patricia Laurie, who was born on February 22, 1938, and James Pringle Laurie, Jr., who was born on March 22, 1940. The family home is at 1201 Persinger Road, Roanoke.

ERNEST GIBBONEY BALDWIN of Roanoke has, during his career, successfully devoted his attention to many activities. He has been associ-

ated with the Norfolk and Western Railway, has owned and operated a motor car company, has engaged in engineering, and has been an army officer. He at last devoted himself, however, as a full-time and profitable occupation, to a field which had been his primary interest and hobby throughout those years—that of stamp and coin collecting. As a philatelist, Mr. Baldwin is very probably without a peer in the State of Virginia. He founded the Roanoke Stamp and Coin Company; and although now retired he is able to devote his interest more enthusiastically to his fascinating study, in his free time.

Mr. Baldwin was born September 15, 1884, son of William Gibboney and Kate Augusta (English) Baldwin. His father was head of the Baldwin-Felts Detective Agency in Roanoke, and was chief special agent for the Norfolk and Western Railroad. Likewise a man of varied abilities and interests, he organized and headed the firm of W. G. Baldwin and Company, manufacturers of "Martha Washington" candy. Ernest G. Baldwin attended grammar school in his native Bluefield, West Virginia, and completed his secondary studies in Roanoke private schools. He then entered Allegheny Institute, from which he transferred to Virginia Polytechnic Institute at Blacksburg, there completing his advanced education.

Mr. Baldwin's first business connection was with the railway corporation with which his father had long been associated. He entered the employ of the Norfolk and Western as surveyor; and was thereafter special agent for nine years, 1907 through 1915. He was associated with his father in the formation of the Martha Washington Candy Company, later known as the W. G. Baldwin Company, and remained with this growing firm from 1915 to 1917. From that year until July, 1919, Ernest G. Baldwin served in the United States Army.

In combat in the European theater during World War I, he held the rank of first lieutenant with the 112th Machine Gun Battalion, which was attached to the 29th Division, and spent thirteen months overseas. Campaigns in which he participated were the Meuse-Argonne, Estrays Ridge, Verdun, Malbroucke Hill, Bois de la Grande Montagne, and Dead Man's Hill.

In 1920, shortly after his honorable discharge from military service, Mr. Baldwin became owner of the Baldwin Motor Car Company of Roanoke, and operated this concern successfully until 1924. After disposing of this profitable enterprise, he entered the realty field, being associated from 1924 to 1933 with the Evergreen Development

Company. From 1933 through 1946, Mr. Baldwin was in the employ of the United States Government, being a project superintendent in engineering. This responsibility he carried throughout the years of World War II, when his work was most valuable to a country at war. Mr. Baldwin terminated his connection with the government in 1946, in which year he established the Roanoke Stamp and Coin Company, thereby placing on a profitable commercial basis a hobby which had occupied his attention for many years, and in which he had freely invested both time and money. He nominally retired in 1949, although of course his enthusiasm for the enterprise in which he was most recently engaged assures that it will remain his chief occupation.

A feature article by N. A. Turkheimer, appearing in the columns of the Roanoke "Times", brought out many relevant facts concerning Mr. Baldwin's collection of stamps. It seems that Mr. Baldwin has been interested in forming such a collection since the time he was a boy; yet unlike many boyish enthusiasms, this one did not die. He brought to it the growing wisdom of maturity; and the fruit of his years of devotion to philately is to possess today what most experts recognize to be the best stamp collection in Virginia. Although cataloging this collection, a vast labor in itself, has had to wait, Mr. Baldwin estimates that it numbers at least half a million stamps. Confederate stamps of the days of the War Between the States; stamps, encased postage stamps, and bank notes as well, issued by individual municipalities during those days; Pony Express postage; early specimens of two-color stamps, indeed, the first one ever issued, in 1869; a one-eighth-cent stamp printed in 1914; "New Deal" specials—all are in Mr. Baldwin's collection. In addition, he has an exceptional assemblage of early currency: colonial currency of British denomination; a three-dollar bill issued as Confederate legal tender by the Commonwealth of Virginia; notes issued by Roanoke, and Craig Counties, and by the cities of Memphis, Charleston, Mobile and New Orleans as well as by cities inside his own state. Early deeds are also valued items in Mr. Baldwin's collection. He owns one of Montgomery County, signed by Governor James Monroe, later to become fifth President of the United States. This, Mr. Baldwin believes to be the original deed to the property where Virginia Polytechnic Institute now stands. In the stamp line, the collector believes his greatest prize to be a commemorative, two-color stamp, of four-cent denomination, one of a set commemo-

rating the Columbian Exposition of 1893. Quite possibly, this stamp is unique, and its value can only be guessed. Mr. Baldwin modestly admits he has a number worth "over two hundred and fifty dollars." He is not unduly modest concerning the proportions and significance of his entire collection, however, nor need he be. He terms it "the best south of the Mason-Dixon Line."

Sidelights on history are gained by a cursory exploration of Mr. Baldwin's varied collection. To quote Mr. Turkheimer in this connection:

As the observer leafs the pages of the collection, the history of the United States, the Confederacy and Roanoke unfolds graphically through the bright stamps and shiny coins.

Envelopes postmarked Big Lick, the early name for Roanoke, start back in 1837. They disappear in 1884 and a new name, Roanoke, takes its place on the list of the nation's cities.

Mr. Baldwin has words of wisdom and experience for those who would find a hobby in stamp and coin collecting, as he did. It is quite possible, he points out, to set out with modest funds, and to assemble items whose value increases through the years. On the other hand, he warns against the commercial vendors of "rarities", and emphasizes that knowledge of one's field is the most effective weapon against their devices. He recognizes the value of his private collection (on which "Prices keep going up all the time") sufficiently well to keep the vast bulk of it safely stored in the bank. Since disposing of the Roanoke Stamp and Coin Company, his chief interest is his own assemblage, and there is no indication that he considers it anywhere near complete. "I'm just getting around to swapping some of my duplicates," he says, "and cataloging what I'm going to keep."

Vitally interested in the history of his locality and proud of its tradition, Mr. Baldwin has long been a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, was this organization's commander-in-chief during 1916-1917, and has been its honorary commander-in-chief from then until the present time. He is also a member, and past commander, of his post of the Forty and Eight, and also past commander of the American Legion post.

He is affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, is a member of Lodge No. 443 in Anniston, and has attained the Thirty-second degree, entitling him to membership in Kazim Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Mr. Baldwin belongs also to the Roanoke Country Club. He is a communicant of the Second Presbyterian Church of Roanoke.

At Bristol, Virginia, July 27, 1908, Ernest Gibboney Baldwin married Mary Roach Coulhourn, daughter of William R. and Mary (Roach) Coulhourn. Mrs. Baldwin died January 12, 1949. Mr. Baldwin's home is at 227 Albermarle Avenue, Southwest, Roanoke.

SAMUEL FISHBURN WOODY—The name of Samuel Fishburn Woody has for many years been identified with one of the well-known and reputed business enterprises of Roanoke. He has been president of the Roanoke Hardware Company since 1932, and was associated with that old concern in responsible capacities many years before that time. Mr. Woody is also prominently identified with banking, and with the club activities of his home community.

Mr. Woody is a native of Franklin County, and a son of John Allen and Elizabeth (Fishburn) Woody. His father, a farmer by occupation, served in the Confederate cavalry during the War Between the States. Samuel Fishburn Woody began his education in the grammar schools of Roanoke, and attended business college there.

He immediately thereafter entered the business world, working first for Fishburn Brothers Tobacco Company, where he had been employed during vacation periods and free time when he was a boy. In 1898, he identified himself with the Price-Armes Hardware Company of Roanoke; and the Roanoke Hardware Company, with which he has for many years been connected, was the successor organization to the Price-Armes Hardware Company. Under its present name, it has continued in business since 1901, and Mr. Woody has held responsible positions in its organization during all that time. He was vice-president from 1901 to 1905; secretary and treasurer from 1905 to 1932; and since 1932 has been president of the Roanoke Hardware Company.

Mr. Woody is also vice-president of the First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Roanoke. He is a well-known figure in social as well as business circles, and his clubs include the Kiwanis, the Roanoke Country Club, and the Shenandoah Club. Mr. Woody is a communicant of the Greene Memorial Methodist Church.

In Roanoke County, June 15, 1911, Samuel Fishburn Woody married Lake Evelyn Goodykoontz, daughter of William and Lucinda (Woolwine) Goodykoontz. Mr. and Mrs. Woody are the parents of two children: 1. Evelyn Katherine, born March 3, 1913, is a graduate of Hollins College;

married first in 1934, John Crum Strosnider, who died in 1939; they had one child, Suzanne. She married (second) William P. Booker and they had two children, Judith Lake Booker and Patricia Susan Booker. 2. Robert Wells, who was born August 22, 1914; he is a graduate of Roanoke College and the Graduate School of Business Administration, Harvard University. He served in the U. S. Navy, World War II, for four years as a lieutenant, United States Naval Reserve; married Betty Louise Beasley, of Roanoke, Virginia and they have three children: Mary Louise, Lucinda Robin, Samuel F. Woody 2nd. Since 1939, Mr. Woody has been secretary and treasurer of the Roanoke Hardware Company. The family lives at 423 Allison Avenue, Roanoke.

ARNOLD W. WETSEL, co-founder of the Wetzel Seed Company, Inc., of Harrisonburg, has played a large part in the business life of the community over many years. He is at present chairman of the board and treasurer of the firm of which he was co-founder, and has participated actively in worth-while community programs. He has given executive guidance to a number of other business concerns during his career, and is held in high regard by the commercial leaders of the Shenandoah Valley.

Mr. Wetzel is a native of Penn Laird, in Rockingham County, and was born November 25, 1888, son of Daniel M. and Lydia Virginia (Wampler) Wetzel. His father, a man of varied abilities, was a blacksmith, a fruit grower and farmer, and also an expert breeder of seed corn. Together with his son, he was co-founder of the Wetzel Seed Company, and as a man of foresight in the agricultural sphere, he was a pioneer in advocating soil improvement. Daniel M. Wetzel was the first "county farm agent" in the Shenandoah Valley, and was active in the work of his church and in civic affairs. It was he who developed the "French-American" strain of tomatoes, and his efforts in producing new strains of farm produce resulted in his receiving extensive publicity through the state Department of Agriculture. He married Lydia Virginia Wampler, of Penn Laird, Virginia, and they became the parents of fourteen children, one of whom, Arnold W., followed his father's footsteps in the seed production field, and is the subject of this sketch.

He began his education in the schools of Port Republic, after which he attended commercial classes in Harrisonburg, and completed his educa-



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tion through correspondence courses with the Alexander Hamilton Institute. Much of Arnold Wetsel's early education came as a consequence of practical endeavors. His background was that of a farmboy, so that he had extensive experience, under the guidance of his progressive-minded father, in the work to which he was to devote his career, as well as in general agricultural procedures. In the early years of his business life, he was also employed by the Norfolk and Western Railway in repairing and operating locomotives.

In 1912, father and son founded the firm of A. W. Wetsel and Son, now known as the Wetsel Seed Company, Inc. He was its first president, and was manager of the business until 1927, thus being chiefly responsible for the early development which provided the foundation for the present large proportions of the first genuine seed business in the Shenandoah Valley. In 1923, he devised and installed in the company, an accounting system which received national publicity during the course of the next year, and was again widely acclaimed as an exemplary business procedure, in 1932.

In 1927, Mr. Wetsel joined the staff of the Alexander Hamilton Institute in New York, and was soon made president of a subsidiary corporation. He was later president also of the Wetsel Market Bureau, subsidiary of the Brookmire Economic Service. In 1931, he established the A. W. Wetsel Advisory Service, economic and investment counselors, and was at this period a prominent figure in Wall Street, financial center of the nation.

Mr. Wetsel is at present chairman of the board and treasurer of the Wetsel Seed Company, Inc., which has its offices at 128 West Market Street, Harrisonburg. The firm deals in poultrymen's supplies, feeds, fertilizers and insecticides, as well as seeds, and is a member of the Southern Seedmen's Association and the American Seed Trade Association. It is distributor of all types of field, flower and garden seeds, and has won the confidence and high regard of poultrymen, farmers and amateur gardeners alike.

During World War I, Arnold W. Wetsel served in the United States Army, and was stationed in Camp Lee, Virginia, where his abilities were devoted to the business management of the Camp Lee newspaper. He is active in veterans' organizations, and is commander of Rockingham Post No. 27 of the American Legion.

He has been active in worth-while causes in his home community, numbering among his positions of leadership the post of county chairman of

the United States Savings Bond Division of the Federal Treasury, and that of chairman of the annual fund-raising campaign of the Rockingham Chapter, American Red Cross, of which he is a director and county chairman. He has also been secretary of the Harrisonburg Rotary Club, and he belongs to the County Fair Association. While in New York, Mr. Wetsel was a member of the Bankers Club, the Advertising Club, and the National Republican Club. He was a member of the committee on national affairs of the Republican Club.

Mr. Wetsel is also a significant figure in Masonic affairs, holding official position in the Blue Lodge and being active in all Masonic bodies. He is a member of the Royal Arch chapter and the Knights Templar, and Past Worthy Patron of the Order of the Eastern Star. He is a past commander of Harrisonburg Commandery No. 10 of the Knights Templar, and is a past president of the Shrine Club of this area; also is currently one of the Potentate's Ambassadors at Large of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

Long active in the work of the Presbyterian Church, Mr. Wetsel serves that congregation as deacon and as superintendent of the Sunday school. He was a member of the Riverside Church in New York City, and vice-chairman of its board of ushers. In his home community, Mr. Wetsel is a trustee of the Woodbine Cemetery.

Arnold W. Wetsel married Ninga G. Brewington, of Salisbury, Maryland, and they are the parents of a daughter, Charlotte Virginia, born April 18, 1919. She married Eugene A. Myers of New York, and has a daughter, Barbara Anne Myers, born July 17, 1939.

Mr. Wetsel's business address is 128 Market Street. He resides in Harrisonburg.

SAMUEL PASCO CONRAD — Samuel Pasco Conrad, of Harrisonburg, Virginia, has become recognized as one of the progressive figures of his community, and as a leader among his colleagues in the legal profession. He conducts an independent general practice of the law as Sam P. Conrad, with offices in the Spottswood Building, Harrisonburg, a practice which he resumed on his return from service with the United States Navy at the conclusion of World War II. An aviation enthusiast, Mr. Conrad was one of those instrumental in giving Harrisonburg its present airport.

A native of Harrisonburg, Mr. Conrad was born December 14, 1909, and is a son of George Newton and Emily (Pasco) Conrad. His father was likewise a lawyer by profession, and was former commonwealth attorney in Harrisonburg. George N. Conrad also represented his district in the State Senate of Virginia; and his wife, the former Emily Pasco, was the daughter of a United States Senator from Florida, Samuel Pasco.

With this exceptional background in the law and in the field of public service, Samuel P. Conrad naturally turned in his early years to the consideration of law as a profession. On completion of his public schooling in Harrisonburg, he entered Randolph-Macon College, after which he completed his professional studies at the University of Virginia Law School. During his undergraduate years, he played football on the Randolph-Macon team; and he was a member of the B. L. A. K. I. Ribbon Society at the same institution.

Admitted to the Virginia bar, Mr. Conrad first took up practice at Warm Springs, in that state, in 1932, and while in Bath County served as Commissioner in Chancery. He moved to Harrisonburg in 1937 and has been there since, the only interruption in his legal career having come at the time of World War II, when he enlisted in the United States Navy. Commissioned a Lieutenant (junior grade) in naval aviation, he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant (senior grade) and subsequently to Lieutenant Commander, while serving as an aviator with the United States Naval Air Corps. He was stationed first at Quonset Point, Rhode Island, later at Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania, Glenview, Illinois, New Orleans, Louisiana, Memphis, Tennessee, and Dallas, Texas. From his final station stateside, Atlantic City, New Jersey, he shipped overseas to Honolulu, Hawaii, and from there to the Island of Guam. He was discharged from the Corps on Christmas Day, 1945.

Mr. Conrad's career in the law in Harrisonburg took the form of a partnership, from 1937 to 1941, when he and his brother formed the law firm of Conrad and Conrad. In the latter year, Samuel P. Conrad went to Washington as attorney for the United States Government, and after one year in the nation's capital, enlisted in the United States Navy as indicated above. Since his return to peacetime pursuits, however, he has returned to Harrisonburg and taken up the independent practice of law, the firm of Sam P. Conrad having its offices in the Spottswood Building. As a man well acquainted with aviation, and with the public

need for it, Mr. Conrad is one of those to whom his city owes a debt of gratitude for promoting the local airport. He retains the rank of Lieutenant Commander in the Naval Reserve.

Professionally, Mr. Conrad is identified with the Virginia state and the local bar associations; and while in school was a member of the editorial board of the "Virginia Law Review," published at the University of Virginia; also assistant editor of the "Yellow Jacket," weekly newspaper of Randolph-Macon. He belongs to Phi Alpha Delta legal fraternity, Tau Kappa Alpha forensic and debating fraternity, and Phi Kappa Sigma social fraternity.

Mr. Conrad has also exerted his leadership in sports and game organizations. He is past president of the Rockingham Game and Fish Association, and a member of the Izaak Walton League. He is a past member of the Rotary Clubs of Hot Springs-Covington and Harrisonburg. Fraternally, Mr. Conrad is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, The Modern Woodmen, and is a communicant of the Methodist Church.

In Waynesboro, Virginia, June 28, 1932, Samuel Pasco Conrad married, first, Margaret E. Russell, and they became the parents of a daughter, Harriet Elizabeth Conrad, born April 8, 1936. He married, second, on June 21, 1951, Bernice McCoy, of Blacksburg, Virginia.

GEORGE FENTON MACOMBER—The Rockbridge Creamery, which is headed by George Fenton Macomber, is one of Lexington's leading business establishments. It is engaged in the manufacture of ice cream and butter, and also in the distribution of milk throughout this area of Virginia.

Mr. Macomber was born July 20, 1909, in East Orange, New Jersey, son of George Baker and Mabel (Walker) Macomber. His father was an investment banker, widely known in business and financial circles.

George Fenton Macomber spent his early years in New Jersey, attending East Orange high school, where he was graduated in 1926. He also studied at Newark Academy, in Newark, New Jersey, and had two years of work at the University of Pittsburgh in the early 1940s. His initial employment was with the New York Stock Exchange, from 1928 to 1930, in the capacity of page boy. For a year he was a clerk in the brokerage office of Lord and Widli, in New York, then for one and

one-half years was in the main office of the Chase National Bank, connected with the foreign department. After three years in real estate work in Newark, where he acted in a sales capacity, Mr. Macomber became associated with the Cassco Corporation in 1938.

From that year until 1946 he was with that same company, except for a period during World War II during which he had a leave-of-absence so that he might serve his country. In Newark, New Jersey, he served Cassco as a bookkeeper, then as plant manager, district manager and general manager. He acceded to the general managership in 1941. Afterward Cassco assigned him to Harrisonburg, Virginia. In 1946 Mr. Macomber set up the Rockbridge Service Corporation, which purchased the Rockbridge Creamery from the Cassco Corporation, its previous owner. This creamery, originally established in 1923 to make ice cream and butter, added the distribution of milk to its initial program in 1937. In 1942 it was purchased from its original owner by the E. C. Hook Corporation, which in 1945 sold it to Cassco. Mr. Macomber's organization, the Rockbridge Service Corporation, purchased it from Cassco in 1946, as indicated above. Charles S. McKendree, Jr., is a part owner of the enterprise along with Mr. Macomber. They have done everything in their power to enhance the organization's usefulness by bringing its services up to date and keeping, creamery-wise, abreast of the times.

Mr. Macomber is active in Lexington's civic and social life, as well as in business circles. He belongs to the Lexington Kiwanis Club and to the Harrisonburg lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. His service in World War II began in August, 1942, when he entered the army as a private. He was assigned to the European theatre of operations, and spent considerable time in central Europe, particularly in the Rhine Valley area and in Germany. He was wounded in the battle of the Bulge. He was a combat infantryman, and won the decoration of the Order of the Purple Heart in recognition of his services. He was attached throughout most of the war to the 311th Infantry Regiment of the Seventy-eighth Division until honorably discharged in October, 1945, as a private, first class.

George Fenton Macomber married, July 14, 1948, in Lexington, Virginia, Mildred Potter, daughter of Walter and Edna (Potter) Potter. Her parents were of the same name prior to their marriage, although there was no blood relationship. Mr. and Mrs. Macomber are the parents of a son,

George Fenton, Jr., born April 17, 1950. Mrs. Macomber is the mother of a daughter by a previous marriage, Doris Chaplin, born on September 9, 1936; and Mr. Macomber, also by an earlier marriage, is the father of Nancy, born on June 13, 1937.

REV. CECIL COOPER BELL, D.D., minister of the Virginia Conference of the Methodist Church, has been since 1948 pastor of the Greene Memorial Methodist Church of Roanoke. Dr. Bell has been president of the Ministerial Associations of three Virginia cities; and came to his present pulpit from the superintendency of the Lynchburg District. He has held an impressive number of offices in connection with the organization of the Methodist Church; and members of that congregation in Roanoke may consider themselves fortunate in being able to rely on his active and able leadership.

A native of Norfolk, Dr. Bell was born January 23, 1890, son of Joseph Palmer and Mary Tillett (Humphries) Bell. He is a graduate of William and Mary College, degree of Bachelor of Arts, class of 1910; and after graduation undertook his theological studies at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee. His degree of Doctor of Divinity was granted by Randolph-Macon College, Ashland, Virginia, in 1938.

Dr. Bell was appointed to the Methodist pulpit at Cottage Place, Portsmouth, Virginia, where he served during 1912 and 1913. He then became pastor at Allen, Maryland, from 1913 to 1917. Next occupying the pulpit at Onancock, Virginia, until 1921, Dr. Bell's efforts resulted in the payment of a two thousand dollar debt on the parsonage at that location. In 1921, he went to Bedford, and during his two years there a new church school building was erected. He was pastor of the Centenary Church at Lynchburg from 1923 to 1926, directing the erection of a new church building at a cost of \$115,000, during his pastorate. During the years from 1926 to 1930, he was pastor of Trinity Methodist Church in Petersburg, and under his able administration the church auditorium was completed, and a sizable reduction made in the church debt. His next pastorates were at the First Church in Charlottesville (1930 to 1933) and at Trinity Church in Newport News (1933 to 1935). Dr. Bell became superintendent of the Portsmouth-Newport News District in the latter year, serving in that capacity until 1939, when he resigned to become pastor of the Washington Street Church in Alexandria, Virginia.

During the three years of his pastorate there, he paralleled the constructive record he had achieved at other churches, erecting a parsonage at a cost of fifteen thousand dollars, and directing the decoration of the church auditorium. He left the Washington Street pulpit in 1942 to accept appointment as superintendent of the Lynchburg District of his church's organization.

Dr. Bell came to the pulpit of Greene Memorial Methodist Church in Roanoke in 1948, and has already proved the value of his experience in directing the material advancement of churches, as well as affording spiritual guidance. On behalf of his present congregation, whose place of worship is at 130 West Church Avenue, he has been instrumental in the erection of a church school building and parsonage, at a cost of about \$225,000.

Serving ably in the administrative work of his church, Dr. Bell has been president of the Ministerial Associations of Lynchburg, Charlottesville, and Newport News. He has held the following offices in the Methodist Church organization: member of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Birmingham, Alabama, 1938; Uniting Conference, Kansas City, 1939; General Conference, Methodist Church, Kansas City, 1940; Boston General Conference, 1948; Ecumenical Conference, Springfield, Massachusetts, 1947; Jurisdictional Conference, Asheville, North Carolina, 1940, and at Atlanta, Georgia, 1944, and Columbia, South Carolina, 1948. He is a member of the executive committee of the Board of Hospitals and Homes of the Methodist Church, 1948 to date; president of the cabinet at the Virginia Conference, 1946-1948; chairman of special commission on conference boundaries, Southeastern Jurisdiction, from 1944 to 1948, returned to office in 1948; chairman of the committee on conferences, at the General Conference, Boston, Massachusetts, 1948; chairman of the committee on conferences at the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference, Columbia, South Carolina, 1948. Dr. Bell is also a member of the Board of Hospitals and Homes, Virginia Conference; member of the World Service Commission, Virginia Conference; member of the board of the Home for the Aged, Virginia Conference; and Golden Cross Director, Virginia Conference.

Dr. Bell's connection with his unit of the Methodist Church's organization dates from 1912, when he joined the Virginia Annual Conference, on trial. His full connection with the Virginia Annual Conference dates from 1914, in which year also he became a deacon of the Virginia

Conference. He was made an elder in the Virginia Annual Conference in 1916. A clergyman held in high regard in educational circles, Dr. Bell has been baccalaureate preacher at William and Mary College and at Randolph-Macon College.

Fraternally, Dr. Bell is affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Alpha Chapter, at William and Mary College. He belongs also to the Flat Head Club at that college; and locally is a member of the Kiwanis Club. One of Dr. Bell's interests is in travel, and he has covered much of the Western Hemisphere and Continental Europe.

At Danville, Virginia, February 11, 1913, Dr. Cecil Cooper Bell married Mary Frances Purdum, daughter of William R. and Violet (Arrington) Purdum. To Dr. and Mrs. Bell have been born two children: 1. Helen Purdum, on November 30, 1913; she holds the Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees from the University of Virginia. She married E. Ruffin Jones, Jr., B.S., A.M., Ph.D., professor of biology at the University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida. 2. Cecil Cooper, Jr., who was born May 15, 1922; is a graduate student at the University of Chicago. Cecil Cooper Bell, Jr., married Mary Ellen Banks, of Grantville, Georgia. He holds the Bachelor of Science degree from Randolph-Macon College and the Doctor of Medicine degree from Medical College of Virginia.

Dr. and Mrs. Bell reside on Allendale Street, Roanoke, Virginia.

FRED AUBREY GATES—Various fields of activity have known the leadership of Fred Aubrey Gates of Roanoke. He is not only manager of the State Farm Insurance Company at Roanoke, but he is also the owner and operator of two apartment houses. He is one of the outstanding Kiwanians and Masons in the Valley.

Born in Monroe County, West Virginia, on March 24, 1915, Mr. Gates is the son of James Monroe and Ella Edna (Hall) Gates. His father, a veteran of the Spanish-American War who served with the Army from 1898 to 1902, was a farmer and Ford automobile dealer in West Virginia before moving to Roanoke in 1933. He is now in the real estate business in that city.

Fred A. Gates first attended grammar school in his native West Virginian county. In 1933, he was graduated from high school at Union, West Virginia. For a time he attended the College of William and Mary and Virginia Polytechnic In-

stitute Extension at Norfolk, Virginia. Later, he was a student in a school for agents operated by the State Farm Insurance Company at Richmond, Virginia. To round out his education, Mr. Gates took an extension course in law offered in Roanoke by the University of Virginia.

He first entered the insurance business in 1936, as an agent for the Continental Life Insurance Company at Roanoke. Two years later, however, he resigned to become a detective on the police force of the City of Roanoke, a post he held until 1941. He then became a field representative in Roanoke for the General Motors Corporation. In December of the same year, 1941, he entered the employ of the Norfolk and Western Railway Company, with which he remained until January, 1944. Since that time Mr. Gates has been with the State Farm Insurance Company. He served this company in Norfolk until December 1, 1945, and since then has been manager at Roanoke.

As insurance executive and apartment house operator, Mr. Gates has become a prominent figure in the business life of Roanoke.

Mr. Gates was elected to the membership of the Kiwanis Club of Williamson Road, Roanoke, in 1948. The following year he became the club's president. He is also active in the Junior Chamber of Commerce of Roanoke and in the Roanoke Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. In the Masonic order, Mr. Gates belongs to the Williamson Road Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; the Royal Arch Masons; the Knights Templar and the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Formerly a Noble in Khedive Temple of the Shrine at Norfolk, he is now with Kazim Temple in Roanoke, having transferred in 1946. His church is the Oakland Baptist of Roanoke.

Mr. Gates married Catherine Irene Newton, the daughter of William Stacey and Irene Newton, at Roanoke on November 26, 1936. They have three children—Joyce Fredericka, who was born on January 4, 1938; Fred Aubrey Gates, Jr., born on June 14, 1945, and Richard Stacey Gates, born on October 29, 1948. The family home is at 107 Broad Street, Roanoke.

CHARLES EMERY GERHARDT—For years a teacher of the sciences and a medical entomologist, Charles Emery Gerhardt is now applying his scientific knowledge and skills to his work as district manager of the Orkin Exterminators in Roanoke. In the World War II period he was an officer assigned to the United States Public Health

Service. He has become one of the Valley's prominent citizens.

Born at Hillsboro, Illinois, on June 16, 1910, Mr. Gerhardt is the son of William Charles and Fay Genevieve (Emery) Gerhardt. His father is in the coal mining business. Charles Gerhardt began his schooling at Gebo, Wyoming, but was graduated from high school at his birthplace, Hillsboro, in 1928. He then attended Illinois College, in Jacksonville, Illinois, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1932. Within those four years, he had spent a year at the University of Wyoming at Laramie. Later he took post-graduate work at the State University of Iowa, Iowa City, where he was awarded the degree of Master of Science in 1939, and a year of extension work at the University of Illinois, Urbana.

For twelve years Mr. Gerhardt taught school, starting in 1932. His first post was at Irving, Illinois. Then, until 1936, he was on the faculty of Northwestern Military and Naval Academy, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. Afterward, he was with the public schools at Monmouth, Illinois. During this period he taught biology and acted as athletic coach. From 1943 to 1946, Mr. Gerhardt was with the United States Public Health Service, in which he held the rank of captain. He performed his work as medical entomologist in various parts of southeastern United States. In 1946 Mr. Gerhardt came to the Shenandoah Valley as district manager of Orkin Exterminators at Roanoke. He is a member of the Masonic lodge in Roanoke and of the Optimist Club of Roanoke. He worships at the Presbyterian Church in Salem. His business address is 123 Franklin Avenue, Roanoke.

Mr. Gerhardt married Jean Florence Richard, daughter of Jean Baptiste and Kate Elizabeth (Graves) Richard, at Sioux City, Iowa, on June 10, 1939. Their children are: Reid Richard Gerhardt, II, who was born on May 2, 1941; Dana Jean Gerhardt, born on December 10, 1943, and Lane Richard Gerhardt, born on April 25, 1946.

WILLIAM EUGENE LYNN, M.D.—In Front Royal, Dr. William Eugene Lynn is an active physician and popular member of the younger professional coterie of the county seat of Warren County, Virginia, who combines colorful personal activities with effective practice of his profession. He prepared adequately for his chosen work in educational institutions and as an interne, and currently is physician to several industrial companies, also serving on a hospital staff. He is widely known, for he is a prominent figure in

horse breeding and racing in several eastern circuit race circles.

Dr. Lynn was born at Brunswick, Maryland, on March 16, 1914, son of Harvey and Ruth (Taylor) Lynn, his father being associated with the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, prior to his death in 1942. After being graduated from the Brunswick High School, he pursued pre-medical studies at the University of Virginia, and then entered its Medical School, from which he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine, with the class of 1936. During the most of two years he was an interne at the Marine Hospital, the University of Maryland Hospital, and the Sydenham Hospital, the latter an institution for contagious diseases, affiliated with Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Since 1937, Dr. Lynn has practiced his profession at Front Royal, with eminent success. He is physician for the Virginia Telephone Company, the Southern Railway System, the General Chemical Company, and is a member of the staff of the Front Royal Community Hospital. This fine institution, founded by Dr. Lynn and Dr. J. T. Roundtree, in July, 1938, was later purchased by the municipality. Realizing full well the advantages of close contacts with colleagues and with the latest developments in medicine and surgery, he is a member of the American Medical Association, the Virginia State Medical Association, the Medical Society of Northern Virginia, the Tri-State Medical Society, the Valley Medical Society, and the Southern Railway Society of Surgeons. His medical school fraternity is Alpha Kappa Kappa. He affiliates with the Free and Accepted Masons, and is active in the Front Royal Lions Club. Business connections include those with the Royal Dairy Company, of which he is vice-president, and member of their board of directors and on their executive committee. This dairy serves Luray, Front Royal, Shenandoah, Stanley and Elkton and the Skyline Drive. He is a director of the Sky-Park Broadcasting Corporation, which operates Station WFTR. Dr. Lynn is especially interested in horse racing, and most of the elements that enter into it. He runs horses in association with Charles S. Gaver and is a popular figure at the meets at such outstanding tracks as Laurel Park, Pimlico and others. He spends a great deal of time and skill in breeding race horses on his mother's farm near Leesburg, Virginia.

At Baltimore, Maryland, on September 14, 1934, Dr. William Eugene Lynn married Clydetta Elizabeth Smith, daughter of Clyde and Carrie Rice

Smith. Dr. and Mrs. Lynn are the parents of three children: 1. Mollie Ann, born April 5, 1936. 2. Patricia Jeane, born October 21, 1938. 3. William Eugene, Jr., born October 30, 1941.

BRUCE EDINGTON GRIGGS — One of the beauty spots of Shenandoah Valley is famed Fair View Cemetery at Roanoke, founded in 1890 and operated by Bruce Edington Griggs, president and chief stockholder. Of this attractive burial place "The American Cemetery," journal of the American Cemetery Association, said in 1947:

Fair View was indeed aptly named, for nestling in a wide valley the scenic panorama of the Blue Ridge and Allegheny Mountains on all sides truly presents a "fair view." The sight is particularly impressive from the windows of the administration building, set in the center of the grounds on a ridge that slopes both to the north and south. A central beauty spot is the Garden of Oaks, with its fine stand of native white oaks and white birches in pleasing contrast. A similar effect of naturalness is obtained by the use of local Catawba stone in the construction of the North Gate, the Rock Garden, the Center Ring and the road curbing. Despite the fact that it dates back into the previous century, Fair View is a thoroughly modern burial park, operated along approved modern lines. The cemetery claims the distinction of being the first in the State of Virginia to use artificial grave grass coverings at all interments, having adhered to this practice since December 23, 1933. . .

Mr. Griggs, a veteran of the cemetery industry who in 1950 celebrated his thirty-fifth anniversary as a cemetery executive, is well known throughout the Southland and is known for his leadership among cemetery operators.

He was born on August 28, 1873, just across the river from the Town of Big Lick, later to become Roanoke. His parents were Samuel and Lydia (Edington) Griggs. Samuel Griggs, who served in the War Between the States as a purchasing agent, was one of Big Lick's prominent citizens. A merchant, he served the community as Mayor in 1880 and was a member of the board of aldermen that donated land to the Norfolk and Western Railway Company. Bruce E. Griggs was educated in the public schools at Roanoke, graduating from high school in 1890.

His first job was with a civil engineering company which taught him to handle a level and transit. Later he spent three years as a post office clerk and then engaged in a selling career, representing a shoe company in eight Southern states.

It was during this period that he met the young woman who later became his wife—Jennie Louise

Barnes, the daughter of Captain Frank A. and Elizabeth (Hutchinson) Barnes. They were married at Roanoke on July 2, 1908.

Captain Barnes was at the time president and chief stockholder of Fair View Cemetery, which had been established eighteen years before. When Captain Barnes died in 1915, Mr. Griggs entered the cemetery industry. He joined the Fair View Cemetery organization as superintendent, but in March, 1916, was elected to the presidency. By 1919 he and his wife controlled more than seventy-five percent of the stock.

"Since that time," says Mr. Griggs, "the cemetery has been operated, as you might say, as a 'one man' cemetery. Had I known before entering the business what I was about to inherit, I might have had serious misgivings. My first undertaking was to set our cemetery in order by establishing rules, by-laws and regulations governing its management and appurtenances. These rules have been enforced impartially. When a man has managed a cemetery for thirty-five years and then tries to tell the good and bad he may have done, I deem it best to point to the cemetery and say, 'There it is. It speaks for itself.' A few of my accomplishments, however, were to erect an office in the center of the cemetery. Then on a lot adjoining the cemetery I built a garage for trucks, tractors and trailers, and erected other service buildings for tools and equipment, oil house and so on. We have a place for everything, and everything is in its place."

At every burial in Fair View, concrete liners are used, regardless of whether a wood outer box or metal vault is furnished. Sunday burials have been prohibited since October, 1946, following co-operative action taken by the Roanoke ministerial association, funeral directors and florists.

Mr. Griggs firmly believes that service to lot owners is the keynote to success in the cemetery industry. Many of Roanoke's most distinguished citizens have been buried in Fair View. These include Supreme Court Justice Walter Reed Staples, Robert H. Angell, founder of the first Ground Hog Club organized in the United States, and Henry S. Trout, former Mayor of Roanoke who was also president of the First National Bank of Roanoke. Among the interesting monuments in the cemetery is that to the memory of Thomas W. Goodman, a railroad engineer. On his tombstone is a carved reproduction of Locomotive 227.

Mr. Griggs has obtained a wide distribution of lot owners for Fair View. In addition to residents of Roanoke and the Valley in general, the owners are widely scattered throughout the United States and some are even residing in Europe. Mr. Griggs has been a member of the American Cemetery Association since 1934, and in 1947 was one of the

hosts to its convention in Roanoke. He is a former president of Southern Cemetery Association, is now president of the Roanoke Cemetery Association, and has held this office since the formation of this organization. He worships in Trinity Methodist Church, Roanoke. His hobbies are fishing and horses.

WALTER FREDERICK CRUEGER — Connected with the Norfolk and Western Railway, at its Roanoke headquarters is Walter Frederick Crueger, who serves that corporation as Tax and Insurance Agent. Mr. Crueger is active in fraternal affairs, particularly the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; and participates also in veterans' organizations, having served in the 42nd (Rainbow) Division in World War I.

Son of Herman Christian and Mary Blanche (Buckner) Crueger, Walter Frederick Crueger was born in Roanoke, October 22, 1895. His father, who was a native of Cologne, Germany, was a civil engineer connected with the Norfolk and Western. The son attended grammar and high schools in Roanoke. He started working for the Norfolk and Western Railway as a messenger in July, 1913, in the accounting department, and became clerk in that department, serving in that capacity from January, 1915 to April 4, 1917.

At that time, Walter Frederick Crueger entered military service of the United States Army Coast Artillery Corps. He was assigned to the 42nd ("Rainbow") Division, was wounded in action July 15, 1918, and served throughout the war, being discharged as first sergeant from the United States Army on May 12, 1919.

On May 16, of that year, Mr. Crueger returned to the Norfolk and Western. He continued his clerical work with the railroad, and from September, 1922 to March, 1933, was clerk in charge of construction accounts. From March, 1933 to December, 1938, Mr. Crueger served as comptroller's agent. He was chief clerk to the comptroller from December, 1938, to September, 1945. In that month, he assumed the office of Tax and Insurance Agent.

Mr. Crueger is a member of the American Legion and the Disabled American Veterans and served two years as Post Commander of the latter organization. He is a member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and is also a member of both the York and Scottish rites of Freemasonry. He is also fraternally affiliated with the

Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. In his religious faith, Mr. Crueger is an Episcopalian.

Mr. Crueger is unmarried. He makes his home at 902 South Jefferson.

OHMER GUY HUFFMAN — The Virginia Foundry, which played so important a role in the American "national emergency" period prior to World War II, in the war period itself and is now contributing to the post-war rehabilitation and equalization program, is the "child" of Ohmer Guy Huffman. Mr. Huffman, who established this Roanoke enterprise in 1939, is its sole owner. During the war he did work not only for the Navy but also for the atomic bomb project.

Mr. Huffman was born in Craig County, Virginia, on December 30, 1907, the son of Marcus Calvin and Mirty Blanche (Caldwell) Huffman. His father was a farmer in Craig County.

After attending Craig County's elementary and high schools, Ohmer Huffman drove a milk wagon in Roanoke for the Roanoke Dairy and Ice Cream Company for a year. Later, he became a helper for the Roanoke Iron and Bridge Company, also in Roanoke, and this job, in which he was introduced to his present field of interest, he held for another year. His next work was with the White Foundry in Roanoke, where he remained until 1926, leaving to enter the employ of the spinning department of the American Viscose Company's Roanoke plant, where he worked for two years. He then returned to the White Foundry, in which he worked as a moulder—as he had done previously—until 1939. At that time he resigned to establish the Virginia Foundry, which he has since developed into one of the important businesses in his field in the Shenandoah Valley. Mr. Huffman does a general jobbing business in brass, aluminum, gray iron and castings. His was declared an essential industry in World War II and for two years had contracts for the atom bomb development. For one year Mr. Huffman's plant was engaged in making parts for diesel engines for the United States Navy. Mr. Huffman is active in the Gray Iron Founders, the American Foundrymen's Society and the United Commercial Travelers, as well as in the Lions Club of Williamson Road, Roanoke. He worships in the Williamson Road Church of the Brethren. His plant is located at 1109 Ninth Street, North East, Roanoke.

Mr. Huffman married Vera May Bush, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Bush, at York, South Carolina, on June 11, 1928. Their children are

Paul Lester, born June 17, 1930; Audrey Jean, born July 3, 1933; Helen Wanda, born in August 1938; and Gary Michael, born November 4, 1945.

RALPH B. LONG, young chemical engineer who has been with the American Viscose Corporation of Roanoke since 1939, was recently chosen his city's most outstanding young man. The selection was a natural one. He had previously won the Junior Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Service Award, acknowledging merit in the dual fields of personal achievement and public service. In addition to his valuable work with American Viscose Corporation and membership in, and official connection with, national engineering organizations, he has served his country in wartime, achieving the rank of major in the Army Air Forces, and has been a leader in Junior Chamber of Commerce work and church work.

Born January 12, 1916, in Roanoke, Mr. Long is a son of Clement Arthur and Marie Airheart (Brosius) Long. His father, an auditor by profession, is connected with the Virginia Bridge Company in Roanoke. In that city's grammar and high schools, Ralph B. Long obtained his preliminary education, and he graduated from Jefferson High School in 1934. He then enrolled at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, from which he graduated with the degree of Chemical Engineer, equivalent to the Bachelor of Science degree, in 1938.

For a time thereafter, Mr. Long was employed by the Buckeye Cotton Oil Company of Selma, Alabama; but returned to his home community in 1939 to associate himself, in the capacity of chemical engineer, with the American Viscose Corporation.

During World War II, Mr. Long served for four years in the United States Anti-aircraft Artillery and Army Air Force. He was stationed first at Camp Davis, North Carolina, as instructor in the anti-aircraft officers' candidate school, and was later also an instructor at Camp Haan in California. Thereafter, he was transferred overseas, where he served with the 15th Air Force in Italy, and during the course of this assignment he was advanced to the rank of major.

Mr. Long has resumed his connection with the American Viscose Corporation and was promoted to the job of Filatex Department Supervisor in March, 1950. He has concerned himself in an increasing degree with civic affairs, particularly Junior Chamber of Commerce activities. Profes-

sionally, he is affiliated with the American Chemical Society, of which he is treasurer of the local chapter, and with the American Institute of Chemical Engineers. He is also interested in banking, and is a member of the advisory board of the Bank of Virginia, Roanoke Branch. His fraternity affiliations are Omicron Delta Kappa (honorary), Tau Beta Pi (engineering), Phi Kappa Phi (scholarship), and Phi Lambda Epsilon (chemical).

At the time of his designation as young man of the year 1948, it was said of him in the local press:

Selection of Ralph B. Long, chemical engineer at the American Viscose Corporation plant and prominent civic leader, as Roanoke's outstanding young man of 1948 is a well-deserved and highly-coveted honor. He joins former Judge Richard F. Pence, of Civil and Police Court, as recipient of the Junior Chamber of Commerce's Distinguished Service Award which was instituted last year with the idea of recognizing merit in public service as well as personal achievement . . .

The criterion for designation as outstanding young man of the City is not just personal glory. It should be and is the amount of service to community and the good done for one's fellow citizens in achieving that tribute. A modest yet forceful man with keen understanding of problems and a willingness to undertake even the toughest of them, Ralph Long is typical of the younger generation which is bringing a vast new source of energy and vision into Roanoke's public life.

Mr. Long was national director of the Junior Chamber of Commerce in 1947-1948. He had been its president in 1946-1947. He is also active in church work, being vestryman as well as president of the Laymen's League of the Christ Episcopal Church. He is identified also with the Hidden Valley Country Club.

In Roanoke, May 22, 1943, Ralph B. Long married Virginia Maude Breakell, daughter of James and Maude (Watkinson) Breakell. Their children are: 1. James Arthur, born November 14, 1944. 2. Dorothy Breakell, who was born June 12, 1948. The family resides at 2514 Avenham Avenue, Roanoke.

ARCHIE FARROW PARRISH—Archie's Lobster House, on United States Highway 11 between Roanoke and Natural Bridge, is an eating place and recreation center famed among not only the residents of Shenandoah Valley, but also among the great motoring public that throughout the year visits the Valley. Its owner and operator, Archie Farrow Parrish, is equally famed. Besides a long experience in the food business and other spheres of interest, Mr. Parrish had a distinguished career with the military forces in World War II.

Born at Richmond on November 22, 1903, Mr. Parrish is the son of the late Archie Farrow Parrish, who was the owner-operator of a meat and poultry market at the State capital, and of Oakey (Minson) Parrish. Educated in Richmond's public schools, Archie Parrish, the younger, was graduated from the John Marshall High School there in 1918.

From 1918 to 1924, Mr. Parrish worked in his father's market. From 1924 to 1927 he was in the wholesale drug business in Richmond and from 1927 to 1942 he was associated with the Peoples Service Drug Company, also in Richmond. It was in November, 1942, less than a year after Pearl Harbor, that Mr. Parrish entered the United States Army Air Forces, commissioned a second lieutenant. He was trained at the Southeast Air Corps Training Center, Gunter Field, Alabama, where he was stationed for seven months. In July, 1943, he went overseas, where he remained eighteen months. He served through the campaigns in Middle East Africa and in the China-Burma-India Theater of Operations, assigned to the supply department of the Air Transport Command. By the time he was separated from the active service in June, 1946, he had risen to the rank of major.

Upon his return to civilian life, Mr. Parrish moved to Roanoke, where he built the Hour Glass Restaurant. This he operated until January, 1947. In May, 1947, he established the now-famed Archie's Lobster House on Highway 11. Mr. Parrish, who devotes most of his time to his business and family, is active in the Hidden Valley Country Club and is a former member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a member of the Greene Memorial Methodist Church, Roanoke.

He married Elsie Mae Butler, daughter of John-son and Clara (Miller) Butler, at Richmond on March 1, 1924. They have a daughter, Juanita Mae, born on March 15, 1925, now Mrs. Harry Palmer and residing at Richmond.

GRANVILLE SKIDMORE KENNEDY, SR.—Serving in Roanoke as dairy inspector, Granville Skidmore Kennedy, Sr., is connected actively as Dairy Sanitarian with the Roanoke City Health Department.

Mr. Kennedy was born January 28, 1899, on the Kingston Pike, Knoxville, Tennessee, son of Edwin Marcellus and Betty (Aston) Kennedy. His father was president of the Morris Plan Bank, of Knoxville, Tennessee, until his death in October, 1942.

Granville Skidmore Kennedy, Sr., attended schools in Knoxville, his Tennessee birthplace, and was graduated from the University of Tennessee in 1921 with the degree of Bachelor of Science. After graduation, he went to Kennewick, Washington, where he managed his uncle's farm for two years. At the conclusion of that time he came to Roanoke as dairy inspector with the City Health Department, assuming the duties which he now performs. Along with his work in connection with the Roanoke city government, Mr. Kennedy takes a deep interest in dairy and health problems. He was president of the Virginia Association of Milk Sanitarians, to which office he was elected in 1949 after having served as vice-president in 1948. During World War I, he enlisted in the Army, entering the Tank Corps at Camp Polk, North Carolina. He was in training for only one month prior to the signing of the armistice, but remained in the armed forces until honorably discharged in January, 1919. He then returned to the University of Tennessee to complete his studies. He is a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity which he joined at the University, and was elected there to the honorary scholastic societies of Phi Kappa Phi and Alpha Zeta. He and his family are members of the Raleigh Court Methodist Church, in Roanoke.

Granville Skidmore Kennedy, Sr., married May 2, 1927, in Kennewick, Washington, Wilma Hoyt, daughter of William Judson and Vivian (Church) Hoyt. Her mother, now a resident of Orlando, Florida, was for many years an artist in Oak Park, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy became the parents of three children: 1. Granville Skidmore, Jr., born January 28, 1932. 2. Betty Lois, born August 3, 1937. 3. William Hoyt, born September 20, 1940.

ROY R. SMITH — President of the Smith Transfer Corporation of Staunton, Virginia, Roy R. Smith has directed the growth of his company to a vast and successful organization which employs three hundred and fifty people and operates two hundred and fifty pieces of equipment. It is strategically located, and is one of the largest firms of its kind in the state of Virginia or the Valley. While still a young man Mr. Smith has earned recognition as a foresighted and skilled executive.

Born in Augusta County, Virginia, April 16, 1914, Roy R. Smith is a son of Philip and Miriam (Neff) Smith. His father, who was born in West

Virginia, was a farmer by occupation, and is now deceased. His mother, who survives her husband, is a native of Augusta County, Virginia. Beginning his education in local elementary schools, Roy R. Smith graduated in 1930 from the North River High School in Augusta County. He then took courses at Dunsmore Business College in Staunton, graduating in 1931.

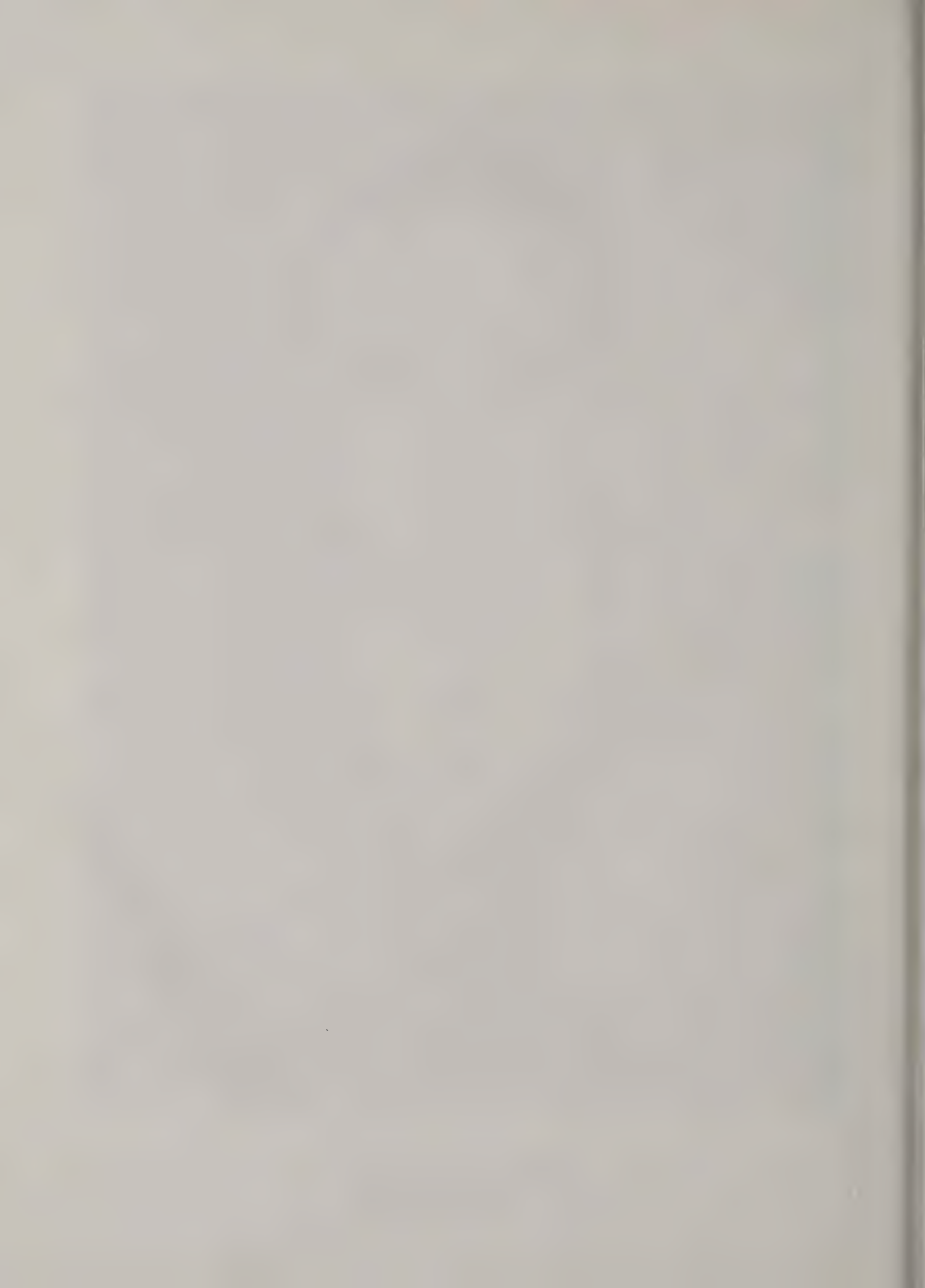
In 1930, Mr. Smith's brother Raymond had established a transfer business in Staunton, with equipment consisting of one Ford truck. On graduating from business college the next year, Roy R. Smith joined him, and another truck was added. Thus the R. N. Smith Transfer Company, as it was first called, began its period of continuing growth. In 1935 the name was changed to the Smith Transfer Company. On July 19, 1942, Raymond N. Smith met an untimely death in consequence of an accident, and his brother carried on the business independently until 1948 when it was incorporated under the present name, Smith Transfer Corporation. Mr. Smith is president, a brother, Russell B. Smith, vice-president, and R. P. Harrison, secretary.

Russell B. Smith had himself had previous experience in the transit field. In 1938 he purchased a freight line operating between Covington and Staunton, Virginia, and this was consolidated with Roy R. Smith's interests in 1945. Thus the Smith Transfer Corporation has become a large organization with several hundred trucks and a still larger number of employees. Its field of operations extends from Charleston, West Virginia, to New York City, and the firm has taken a key position in industry as regular route common carriers for the transportation of freight. The corporation operates thirteen terminals located along the Charleston-New York axis. Its modern headquarters, offices and one of the large terminals, are located on Kalorama Street, a large structure to house these facilities having been built by the company in 1947. The Smith Transfer Corporation has already taken a leading place in the transportation field in the Valley, and its growth is continuing under the able guidance of its management.

Roy R. Smith is president of the Virginia Highway Users Association, and a member of the Lions Club. He is politically an independent, and is a communicant of the Presbyterian Church. As a recreation he enjoys another form of transportation, for he owns and operates his own airplane. In 1946, Roy R. Smith married Miss Doris L. Wheeler.



Franklin D. Roosevelt



GARLAND SANDERSON DANIEL—A figure of growing popularity in the textile industry of Shenandoah Valley, Garland Sanderson Daniel is now office manager of the Roanoke Weaving Mills at Vinton. Until he joined this concern, Mr. Daniel was, for nearly four years, a member of the United States Marine Corps in World War II.

Born at Thurmond, West Virginia, on October 20, 1924, Mr. Daniel is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Garland Sanderson Daniel, Sr. His father is bookkeeper for the Hugher-Davidson Grocery Company, a wholesale concern, at Lexington, Virginia.

The younger Mr. Daniel first attended Ruffner Grammar School at Lexington. In 1940 he was graduated from the Harrington Waddell High School and he then entered Washington and Lee University at Lexington. World War II intervened in his career, for hardly had the Japanese attacked at Pearl Harbor when he was preparing to enter the armed forces. In December, 1942, he went into the Marine Corps and was assigned to its Forty-fourth Air Group and stationed on Midway Island. He was on that famed battleground of the Pacific for ten months. He then spent the remainder of his service in the Hawaiian Islands. In 1943, he was a Navy student at Duke University, Durham, North Carolina. At the time of his separation from the service in July, 1946, Mr. Daniel was holding the rank of Staff Sergeant. He then returned to Washington and Lee University and in 1948 was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. On June 15, 1948, he became a trainee at the Roanoke Weaving Mills and exactly a year later was promoted to office manager.

Mr. Daniel married Mary Alice Lauck, daughter of Professor Charles Harold and Ida (Baskerville) Lauck, in the Lee Chapel at Lexington on June 8, 1946. Mrs. Daniel's father is Professor of Journalism at Washington and Lee University. Mr. and Mrs. Daniel are the parents of a daughter, Ida Ruth Daniel, who was born on June 20, 1948. Their home is at 3028 Brambleton Avenue, South West, Roanoke, and they worship in the First Baptist Church of Vinton.

FRENCH DAVIS BOLTON, JR., D.D.S.—A professional man of exceptional standing in Shenandoah Valley is Dr. French Davis Bolton, Jr., who has conducted his dental practice at Fincastle for nearly two decades. With his family Dr. Bolton takes an active part in the civic and social life of the Valley.

He was born at Fincastle on March 29, 1903, the son of French Davis Bolton, operator of the

F. D. Bolton Canneries at Fincastle, Christiansburg and Bentonville, and of lumber mills, a prominent citizen who served in the Virginia State House of Delegates for several years and who was president of the Virginia Cannery Association for a long period. Dr. Bolton's mother was Pauline (Aurich) Bolton.

Graduated from Fincastle High School in 1923, Dr. Bolton spent two years at Roanoke College and then took his professional training at the University of Louisville in Kentucky. There he was awarded his degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery in 1930. In 1930, also, he began his practice, establishing himself simultaneously at La Grange and West Jefferson, North Carolina, where he remained two years. Since 1932 he has been in practice in his native Fincastle, and his clientele is constantly growing. He is a member of the American Dental Association and the Piedmont Dental Society. His fraternities are Psi Omega, dental, and Omicron Kappa Upsilon, honorary. He and his family worship at the Baptist Church in Fincastle.

Dr. Bolton married Jean Peters, daughter of Richmond and Eugenia (Pearson) Peters, at Franklin on May 31, 1931. They have three children—Jean Aurich Bolton, born on October 20, 1932; French Davis Bolton, III, born on April 25, 1938; and Carolyn Worth Bolton, born on May 20, 1943.

MARY HARDY LOWE — Prominent in the business life of Roanoke, Mrs. Mary Hardy Lowe is also well known in social, cultural, civic and religious circles. Born Mary Hardy at 247 Shenandoah Avenue, N. W., in Roanoke, Mrs. Lowe is the daughter of Jacob Heironimus and Mary (Pickens) Hardy, her father being an engineer for the Norfolk and Western Railway Company. Mrs. Lowe was educated in St. Andrew's School and at National Business College, both in Roanoke.

She has held positions of varying degrees of responsibility with the Roanoke Book and Stationery Company, the furniture firm of Reams, Jones and Blankenship of Roanoke, the Equitable Life Insurance Company, J. J. Bowers, operating the Wildheim Game Farm, and with J. Wholey Brothers, men's furnishings firm now out of business. At present she is associated with the J. J. Bower Company, and she is well known in the business.

Mrs. Lowe's marriage took place at St. Mark's Lutheran Parsonage in Roanoke. Her husband is Richard Hubert Lowe, better known simply as

Hubert Lowe, the son of Richard and Mary Lucy (Meadows) Lowe. Mr. and Mrs. Lowe are the parents of two children—1. Dr. Richard Hubert Lowe, Jr., born on April 18, 1919. He took his pre-medical course at Hampden-Sydney College and his professional work at the University of Virginia, which awarded him his degree of Doctor of Medicine, and he is now practicing as physician and surgeon in Roanoke. He married Mary Bernice Snider. 2. Doris Marie Lowe, born on July 3, 1924. She was educated at State Teachers College of Farmville and the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia; is now Mrs. Marion Kirkland Fort, Jr., residing in Roanoke. Mr. and Mrs. Fort have a daughter, Mary Susan. Mrs. Lowe worships at the First Presbyterian Church, Roanoke. Her home is at 2314 Richelieu Avenue, South West, Roanoke.

WERT FAULKNER—Not only in the Shenandoah Valley and the State of Virginia as a whole, but throughout the South, the name of Wert Faulkner is a prominent one in the textile industry. Mr. Faulkner, formerly with the Richmond Hosiery Mills and O. B. Andrews Company, is now general manager of James Lees and Sons Company, in Glasgow. He is an outstanding figure in the Virginia Manufacturers Association and among alumni of famed Virginia Military Institute.

Mr. Faulkner was born in Spotsylvania County, Virginia, on May 5, 1901. He is the son of Robert Lee and Elizabeth (Rosser) Faulkner of Monroe, Virginia, the former a coal inspector for the Southern Railway. Wert Faulkner was educated in the elementary and high schools of Lynchburg and at Virginia Military Institute. He was graduated from Virginia Military Institute in 1924.

Mr. Faulkner served as foreman with the Richmond Hosiery Mills at Chattanooga before his association with the O. B. Andrews Company, also in that Tennessee city. He was assistant to the president of the Andrews concern from 1924 to 1932. In 1933 he accepted the post of personnel manager of James Lees and Sons Company in Glasgow, and this office he held until 1944, when he assumed his present position as general manager. Mr. Faulkner is vice-president of the Virginia Manufacturers Association and of the Alumni Association of Virginia Military Institute. He is also active in the Boonesboro Country Club at Lynchburg and the Lexington Country Club. He has long been a member of the Third Cavalry Reserve.

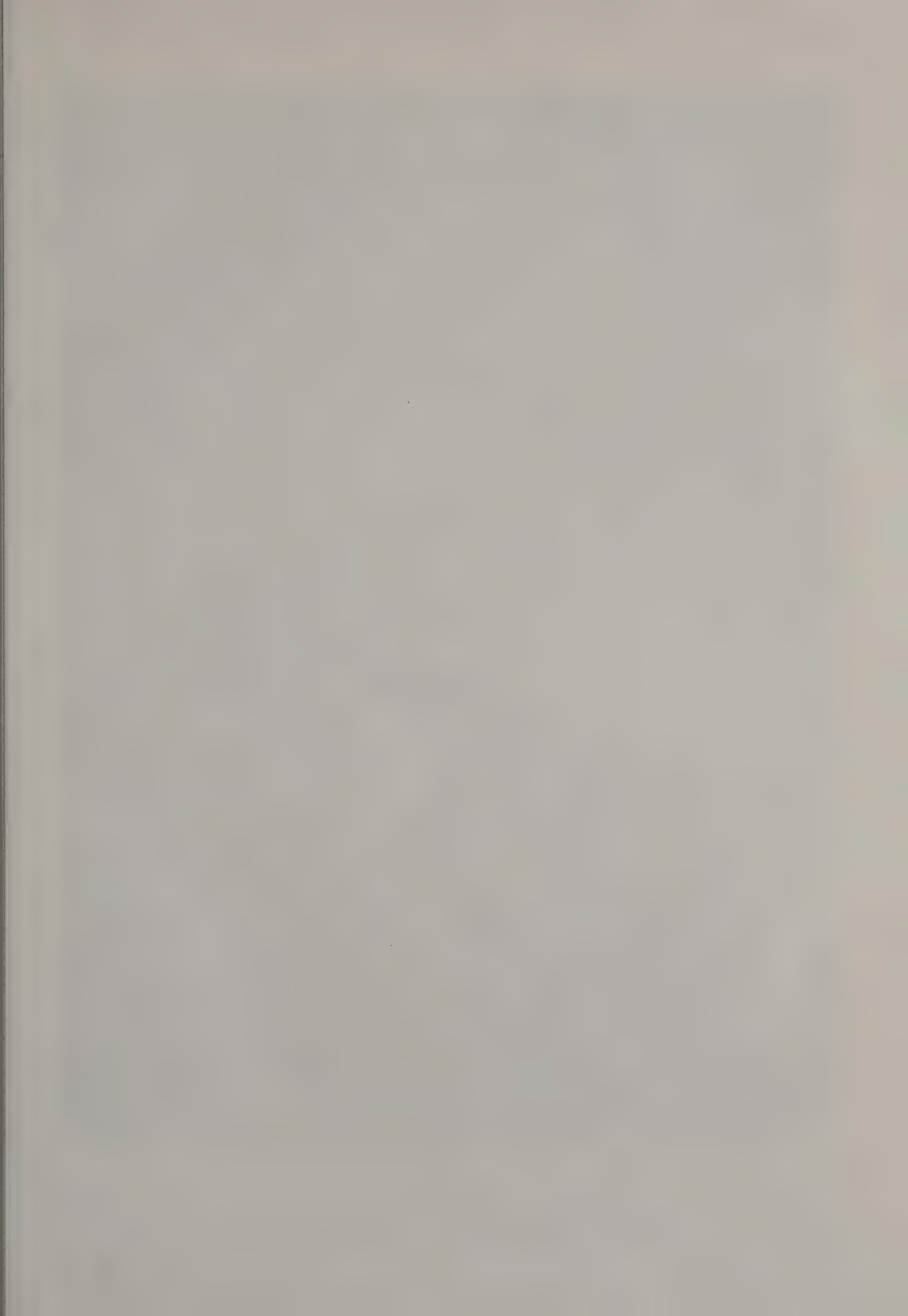
Mr. Faulkner and Mary Ann Brown, daughter of George and Harriet (MacArthur) Brown, were married at Knoxville, Tennessee, on May 2, 1929. They have one son, Wert Faulkner, Jr., who was born on November 10, 1930. The Faulkner home is in Glasgow.

FRANK PRESTON WICKLINE—In the Lauderdale section of Botetourt County, near Troutville, stands a two-hundred-acre tract which for two hundred years has been known as the Beaver Dam Farm. This is the home of a family long well known in the Shenandoah Valley—a family which sprang to fame in 1949 when it was presented one of the Old Dominion's "Master Farm Family" awards, only nine of which are given once in three years. Guernsey cattle raised on the farm have won outstanding prizes in the Pennsylvania State Dairy Show and crop yields of the farm, including alfalfa and ensilage, have been extremely high. The farm machinery and the machine shop operated by the Wicklines has long been outstanding, and the farm itself is one of fifteen used in Botetourt County as a TVA demonstration farm. For these reasons and "for success in developing an outstanding home and farm and for participation in community improvements," The Progressive Farmer and the Virginia Agricultural Extension Service jointly made the "Master Farm Family" award to the Wicklines. Head of this distinguished family is Frank Preston Wickline, who has not only won a place for himself in the agricultural world but in banking, merchandising and civic affairs.

Mr. Wickline was born at Amsterdam, in Botetourt County, on August 31, 1891, nine years before Beaver Dam Farm was purchased by his father. The latter, James Thomas Wickline, was also a noted figure in the county. He was not only a farmer and stock raiser but a canner as well. The mother was Kate Adelia (Crush) Wickline. Frank Wickline was educated in the elementary and high schools of Lauderdale, graduating from the high school in 1912, and at Dunsmore Business College in Staunton.

Having helped his father on the farm in his school days, Mr. Wickline returned to the farm after completing his education. Then, for eighteen months, he worked in a hardware store in Roanoke. In 1916, he returned to the farm, and has since devoted himself to its development.

On November 21, 1926, Mr. Wickline married Margaret Hybernica Henderson, the daughter of James Preston Henderson and Minnie (Jones)





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Henderson. The marriage took place at Buchanan. To the Wicklines were born a son and daughter who, together with their parents, have helped the family win fame—Frank Preston Wickline, Jr., on November 18, 1927, and Nancy Louise Wickline, on November 13, 1932. Mr. Wickline worships in the Baptist Church, his wife and children in the Methodist Church. Their respective churches are in Buchanan, and they live in a two-hundred-year-old house, on which they have done considerable remodeling work and to which they have added in many ways. Three Judge Allens have lived in the house.

The Wicklines' main crop is alfalfa, plus a limited amount of small grains. Mr. Wickline runs the farm with the assistance of his son and three tenant families. Mr. Wickline has owned the farm since 1927, when he bought out his brother-in-law, who was his partner from 1916 to 1927, and when he went into the dairy business. He now has a herd of about eighty Guernsey heifers, calves and cows. He ships an average of one hundred gallons of milk daily to the Garst Brothers Dairy in Roanoke. He was the first Golden Guernsey dairyman to ship milk to that city. All milking is done by machine. Both of Mr. Wickline's children have already built up a record in agricultural activities. His daughter, a 4-H all-star, won Grand Champion of the Guernsey breed at the Lynchburg State Farm Home Show in 1948 with her heifer "Jewel of Beaver Dam." Another Guernsey, bred on Beaver Dam Farm and sold to a Pennsylvania farmer by Mr. Wickline, won the Grand Championship at the Farm Home Show in the Keystone State for two years. Frank Wickline, Jr., already well versed and well known in dairying, took the vocational agricultural course, of four-years' duration, in the high school. He holds the State Farmer degree in the Future Farmers of America. Through his aid, Mr. Wickline, Sr., has been able to raise four tons of alfalfa per acre and 22 tons of ensilage per acre. The carrying capacity of the pasture land and the crop yield of the farm have doubled since he first began farming, Mr. Wickline said. In 1948, he raised about 100 bushels of corn to the acre. As a TVA demonstration farm, Beaver Dam Farm distributes phosphate and nitrate from TVA and helps farmers maintain growth and production records with supplying valuable data for the Extension Service.

In picking the "Master Farm Family," the judges used a 1000-point score card. Points were awarded for family and community life, organization and operation of farm, business methods and

ability, the home and farmstead. The Wickline family was awarded the plaque after nomination by a committee from the Botetourt County Board of Agriculture. The award was made on September 23, 1949.

Mr. Wickline is past president of the Botetourt D. I. H. A., a director of the Co-op Store, a director of the Bank of Buchanan and a director of the Roanoke Milk Producers Association. He is director of the Virginia Pure Bred Livestock Sales Association and the Blue Ridge Guernsey Association.

EDWARD ROBERTS JOHNSON—During the course of an extremely active and productive business career, Edward Roberts Johnson became identified with a number of the organizations which became, and have remained important in the commercial picture in Roanoke. He organized and was president of the Borderland Coal Sales Company of Cincinnati; was an incorporator of the Virginia Supply Company; and helped organize and operate the Roanoke Securities Corporation. His present official connections list an equal number of other concerns. Mr. Johnson has been a leader in civic and welfare work; and since entering business in Roanoke in 1913, he has become no less highly regarded in civic affairs than in commercial organizations.

Born September 10, 1882, in Aurora, Illinois, Edward Roberts Johnson is a son of Lucius E. and Ella (Parker) Johnson. His father was a railroad man, who started his career in the Aurora, Illinois, shops of the Burlington Railroad. He later became locomotive fireman, engineer, and division superintendent. Lucius E. Johnson became affiliated with the Norfolk and Western Railway in 1897 as general superintendent, and was president of the Norfolk and Western from 1903 to 1918. He also served as president of that corporation while the railroads were under government control during World War I. He had served in the Union Army, having volunteered for one hundred days' service practically at the end of the War Between the States.

Edward Roberts Johnson was educated in the public schools of Helena and Great Falls, Montana, and Toledo, Ohio. His advanced education was received at Allegheny Institute, Roanoke, and at Purdue University. After leaving Purdue during his senior year, Mr. Johnson went to work at Suffolk, Virginia, for the Norfolk and Western Railway Company, traffic department. In 1904 he worked as a coal salesman for Percy Heilner and

Son, Cincinnati, Ohio. The following year he became associated with the H. T. Wilson Coal Company, sales agent and miners of West Virginia coal. This company later became known and is still known as the Norfolk and Chesapeake Coal Company. On January 11 of that year, Mr. Johnson organized and became president of the Borderland Coal Sales Company of Cincinnati, Ohio. In June, 1913, he became associated with James C. Cassell, contractor, in Roanoke, this business later being incorporated as the Virginia Supply Company. Mr. Johnson retained this association until retirement from active business in 1937.

During his active business career in Roanoke, Edward R. Johnson helped to organize and operate the Roanoke Securities Corporation until it was absorbed by other financial institutions. He was one of the early officers and directors of the Walker Machine and Foundry Corporation of Roanoke. At the present time, Mr. Johnson is a director of the Norfolk and Western Railway; Pocahontas Land Corporation; Virginia Holding Corporation; the First National Exchange Bank of Roanoke; and the Commonwealth Discount Corporation. He is chairman of the board of the Johnson-McReynolds Chevrolet Corporation of Roanoke.

After entering business in Roanoke in 1913, Mr. Johnson became very much interested in civic matters and was fortunate enough to be connected in one capacity or another, for many years, with the Young Men's Christian Association new building, Young Women's Christian Association, Community Fund, Boy Scouts of America, American Red Cross, and the Roanoke Chamber of Commerce. Of the Chamber, he served as president for one year; and he served for several years as director of the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce, and as committeeman on two or three occasions for the United States Chamber of Commerce. In 1932-1933, Mr. Johnson was district governor of Rotary International covering the clubs in the state of Virginia. He was later first vice-president of Rotary International; was elected president of Rotary International in Mexico City in 1935 for the Rotary year 1935-1936; and visited Canada, Mexico, and sixteen European countries during that year in fulfilling the duties of that office. In 1937, on account of his Rotary activities in France, Mr. Johnson was awarded the medal of "Officer of the Legion of Honor of France".

Mr. Johnson is as vitally concerned as ever in the civic affairs of Roanoke, and of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, where he has the pleasure of serving on a committee of the Chamber of Commerce, and as director of the Community Fund.

Mr. Johnson became associated with the Fuel and Forage Division, Office of the Quartermaster General, as a dollar-a-year man on May 21, 1918. He was commissioned a captain in the Quartermaster Corps on June 25 of that year; was promoted to the rank of major October 11, 1918; and was executive officer and chief of the Fuel and Forage Division until the time of his discharge, April 3, 1919.

Mr. Johnson is a life member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and he is also fraternally affiliated with the Blue Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, the chapter of the Royal Arch Masons, and has advanced through all the degrees of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. He is a member of the temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. His clubs are the Shenandoah (Roanoke); Roanoke Country Club; Sea Urchin Club (Fort Lauderdale, Florida); Lauderdale Yacht Club; and the Torch Lake Yacht and Country Club (Bellaire, Michigan). He is a communicant of the Second Presbyterian Church in Roanoke.

At Toledo, Ohio, January 16, 1905, Edward Roberts Johnson married Edith Grace Carson, daughter of Charles Fremont and Elizabeth (Kerr) Carson. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson became the parents of two children: 1. Lucius Carson, born October 14, 1905, now deceased. 2. Ruth (Johnson) Davock, born October 29, 1911, now residing in Fort Lauderdale. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson make their home at Lindisfarne, Lakewood Colony, Roanoke.

MALCOLM SAMUEL STINNETT, M.D.—The clinic operated by Dr. Malcolm Samuel Stinnett at Buchanan draws patients not only from all sections of the Shenandoah Valley but the entire Great Valley of Virginia and beyond. Dr. Stinnett is, himself, of course, well known throughout the region and is a leading figure among medical men of the State.

Dr. Stinnett is a native of the area. Born in Botetourt County on June 29, 1900, he is the son of the late Charles Edward Stinnett, who was a farmer in the county, and of Laura (Samuels) Stinnett, who in 1949 celebrated her eighty-seventh birthday. Graduated from the Buchanan High

School in 1920, Dr. Stinnett became a pre-medical student at Washington and Lee University in Lexington, remaining there until 1922. He then pursued his professional studies at the Medical College of Virginia in Richmond, where in 1927 he was awarded the degree of Doctor of Medicine. His internship in the Hospital Division of the Medical College of Virginia, also in Richmond, followed. Since 1928 he has been in general practice in Buchanan, and he now operates the Stinnett Clinic in connection with that practice. In 1949 he was serving as president of the Botetourt County Medical Society. He is also well known in the Roanoke Academy of Medicine and the Medical Society of Virginia. He is a former member of the Rotary Club of Buchanan.

Dr. Stinnett married Lois Mabel Ikenberry, the daughter of Benjamin Riley and Idonia (Layman) Ikenberry, at Daleville, in Botetourt County, on June 10, 1930. They have a son and two daughters—Donald Lee Stinnett, who was born on September 9, 1931; Phyllis Ann Stinnett, who was born on April 30, 1934; and Catherine Jane Stinnett, who was born on April 27, 1941. Dr. Stinnett and his family worship in the Buchanan Presbyterian Church.

HORACE LACY SMITH—Operating the Ageon Farm, in Buchanan, Horace Lacy Smith occupies a position of leadership in agricultural affairs in this region of Virginia. In several official and agricultural organizations, his work has proved highly beneficial.

Mr. Smith was born December 23, 1900, in Palmyra, Virginia, son of Dr. Orville McLeod and Mattie Quarles (Tally) Smith. His father was a Palmyra physician.

He began his career as an engineer with the State Highway Department in 1920. Remaining in the employ of the State until 1944, he then came to Botetourt County and purchased the Ageon Farm, a dairy farm which Mrs. Smith's father owned in Buchanan. Pure-bred Guernsey cattle and dairying are the farm's specialty. Mr. Smith was formerly a member of the Professional Engineers of the State of Virginia. He belongs to the Rotary Club, is a director of the Botetourt County Chamber of Commerce and treasurer of the Parent-Teacher Association. He is also active in Trinity Episcopal Church, Buchanan.

Horace Lacy Smith married, June 29, 1933, in Buchanan, Virginia, Lula Ageon, daughter of James and Anna Elizabeth (Linkinhoker) Ageon. Mrs. Smith's sister, Eva Virginia Ageon, was a World

War II casualty, having contracted fever in Panama after five months' duty in 1942. She was a trained nurse and a member of the Army Nurse Corps, having been the first Red Cross nurse from Roanoke to volunteer for active service. She volunteered in January, 1941, and had her training at Jefferson Hospital before being assigned to Fort Benning, Georgia, then to Panama. Ageon Stadium, situated in the Canal Zone and dedicated to her, was built in her honor. It comprises a concrete tennis court, two handball courts, a basketball court, a boxing arena and a spectators' grandstand. It was built entirely by the enlisted personnel of the Army Medical Corps, who worked on it in their spare time and who unanimously decided of their initiative that it should be a memorial to Miss Ageon. At dedication ceremonies, a tablet was unveiled, bearing the following inscription: "Ageon Stadium, named in honor of Eva Ageon, Second Lieutenant, Army Nurse Corps, who died May 12, 1942." Colonel Dana R. Hamilton, commanding officer of Miss Ageon's unit, wrote: "Through this dedication, the members of this garrison have endeavored to perpetuate the memory of Miss Ageon, whose gracious personality, devotion to duty, and faithfulness in the service of her country, endeared her to all who had the good fortune to know her, and whose precepts and examples followed the best traditions of the Army Nurse Corps."

Horace Lacy and Lula (Ageon) Smith became the parents of a child, Lacy Ageon Smith, born January 22, 1935, in Rocky Mount, Virginia, who is a student at the time of writing.

MRS. PAULINE JOHNSON WALTERS, of Buchanan, Virginia, widow of the late John William Walters, is a notable figure in the insurance field in the Shenandoah Valley. She has been for the past thirteen years representative of the New England Mutual Life Insurance Company of Boston, Massachusetts; is active in national patriotic organizations; and plays a prominent part in civic affairs.

Born in Buchanan, Virginia, Mrs. Walters' maiden name was Pauline Elliott Johnson. She is a daughter of Charles Bernard and Irene H. (Elam) Johnson; her father was president of the Bank of Buchanan for thirty-eight years, and otherwise active in his home city. He was born September 26, 1858, on the James River, at what is now Salisbury, son of Moses and Frances (Pitzer-Payne) Johnson. His mother was born at Covington, Virginia, daughter of Bernard Pitzer. Moses

Johnson was a native of the vicinity of Haymakertown, eight miles west of Fincastle, in Botetourt County, and was of Scotch ancestry. At one time Bernard Pitzer owned all the land where the McAllister and Bell plant of the West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company is now located. As a young man, Moses Johnson served as superintendent of a number of iron furnaces in Tennessee and other states. The Salisbury Furnace was built by him. A man of education, of much ability and energy, Moses Johnson was a typical man of affairs, and his interests were widely extended. He owned large tracts of land, operated sawmills, did farming, was a slave owner before the war, and for years sent the products of his mills down the James River on flatboats. Much of his timber from his mills was converted into tobacco boxes by factories in Lynchburg and Richmond. Moses Johnson was an active member of the Methodist Church and a Mason. He died in 1884 when about eighty years of age. By his first marriage he had two children: George H., who was a graduate of Dickinson College at Carlisle, Pennsylvania, was associated for many years with his father in the lumber and iron business, and died in 1912; and Victoria, who died in 1917. Frances Pitzer's first husband was Dr. Charles Payne, and by that marriage she was the mother of two children: Henry O. Payne, who died in Botetourt County in 1917, and Lucy, educated at Hollins College, who died in 1910, wife of W. F. Goodwin of Salt Peter Cave, Botetourt County. Moses Johnson by his marriage with Mrs. Frances Pitzer Payne had two children: Charles Bernard, who became the father of Mrs. Walters; and Thomas Randolph, who became an official of the Big Four Railway Company at Cincinnati, Ohio.

Charles Bernard Johnson's boyhood coincided with the period of the Civil War, and largely for that reason his formal educational opportunities were confined to the old field school. He made the best possible use of these limited opportunities, and reading and experience brought him a thorough and practical education. He worked with his father on the farm, and gradually took an interest in some of the larger affairs conducted by Moses Johnson. His first experience in selling goods was in the store of Frank Staley at Longdale in Allegheny County. He went into this store expecting to remain a week, and instead was there for three years, and laid the foundation of his thorough business education. From Longdale he went to Richmond and was with the old and prominent wholesale clothing house of O. F. Weisiger and

Company, and traveled for that firm for three years in Virginia and West Virginia. Following this he made his first contact with Abe Block and Company of Cincinnati, and completed between thirty and forty years of service with that old established clothing house. He was the means of building up an immense business for this firm in eastern Kentucky, West Virginia, North Carolina and Virginia, and he always called on his old patrons in this territory once a year, his customers awaiting his annual visit before placing their orders. Despite the fact that so much of his time was spent on the road, Mr. Johnson was an important influence in his home community of Buchanan. At one time he was a partner in the firm of Henderson, Johnson and Company at Christiansburg, Virginia. He owned extensive farm and timber lands. His home was "Branham Hall", a 24-room mansion, located a mile and a half west of Buchanan. This is a beautiful estate of sixty-seven acres, the house overlooking Buchanan and the James River Valley. "Branham Hall" was built by the Shultz family, and at one time was the home of Major Jolliff.

Charles Bernard Johnson became president of the Old People's National Bank of Buchanan, and when that organization was merged with the Bank of Buchanan he became chief executive of the larger institution, and continued to direct its affairs until the end of his life. He served as its president for over thirty-eight years. He was a deacon in the Presbyterian Church in Buchanan, was a loyal Democrat in his politics, and was a member of the Buchanan Lodge of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.

In 1889, Charles Bernard Johnson married Irene H. Elam, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George P. Elam of Buchanan. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson became the parents of three children: 1. Charles B., Jr., who attended the Augusta Military Academy and Virginia Military Institute. 2. Pauline, of whom further. 3. Elizabeth, married Ralph Campbell Deal, a farmer and chief engineer for the Virginia Electric Power Company of Clifton Forge. Elizabeth (Johnson) Deal is deceased. She is survived by one son, Robert Mortimer Deal, of Detroit, Michigan.

Pauline (Johnson) Walters received her education at Jeter Institute, Bedford, Virginia, and she is a graduate in Arts at the University of Virginia. She took special courses in this field at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York. At the old family home, "Branham Hall", on December 16, 1915, she married John William Walters, Jr., son of John

William, Sr., and Lola (Smith) Walters, and a graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Class of 1914. To them was born a son, John William, III, on August 12, 1917. He is a graduate of Fishburn Military Academy in Waynesboro, and attended the University of Virginia for three years, taking a pre-legal course. While at the state university, he was a member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity. During World War II, John William Walters, III, served for three and a half years in the United States Marine Corps. He is now district representative of General Motors Corporation at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. John William Walters, III, is married and is the father of two children: Nancy Elliott and Wayne Johnson Walters.

John William Walters, Jr., died October 21, 1918. In 1936, some time after his death, Mrs. Walters entered the life insurance field, in which she has been singularly successful. She represents the New England Mutual Life Insurance Company of Boston. Locally, she is active and interested in the work of the Chamber of Commerce, and is a loyal supporter of the Democratic party. During World War I Mrs. Walters went "over the top" in the sale of War Bonds in Botetourt County, Virginia, for which she received the bronze medal, and was also active in Red Cross work. In World War II she was chairman of the fourth Loan Drive in Botetourt County.

Mrs. Walters is a member of the Joseph W. Anderson Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, and was maid of honor from the Sixth District of Botetourt County to the national conventions at Charlotte, North Carolina, Little Rock, Arkansas, and Biloxi, Mississippi. She was appointed by Judge Don Halsey of Lynchburg as matron of honor to Charlotte, North Carolina, and to Little Rock by General Hirome Opie of Staunton. She is vitally concerned in all civic affairs, and no worthy program is advanced in the community which does not gain Mrs. Walters' wholehearted and generous support. She is of Presbyterian faith, and attends the church of that denomination in Buchanan, where she now makes her home.

ROBERT HAILE LATANE, M.D.—For nearly a half century Dr. Robert Haile Latane practiced as physician and surgeon in the Shenandoah Valley, beginning at Amsterdam but spending most of that period at Buchanan. He was also the owner of several farms, including a dairy enterprise, and was interested in various civic ventures, among them the Bank of Buchanan. At the time of his

death in 1929, he was one of the outstanding medical men of the Valley—a personality known throughout the Old Dominion. His widow, the former Clare Wyatt, also a native of the State, is another citizen with a widespread reputation for civic service.

Dr. Latane was born in King and Queen County on April 19, 1859, the son of Dr. Thomas Latane, who was a prominent physician and surgeon in that county, and Ann (Haile) Latane. He received his early education in private schools in his native county and studied for his profession at the University of Virginia, where he took the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1881. That same year Dr. Latane established himself in general practice at Amsterdam and from that time until his death was a noted figure in the Shenandoah Valley. In 1882, he moved northward to Buchanan and for the next forty-five years was in practice in that community. When he died on January 12, 1929, he was one of the leaders in his profession in the Old Dominion. He served as a director of the Bank of Buchanan and was active in the Masonic order.

Dr. Latane married Clare Wyatt in Buchanan on February 3, 1920. Her parents were Thomas P. Wyatt and Mary J. (Bell) Wyatt, both from Campbell County, the former a native of Lynchburg. For several years before her marriage Mrs. Latane was secretary to O. C. Huffman, president of the Virginia Can Company, a firm later absorbed by the Continental Can Company. Mrs. Latane, formerly active in many groups, now confines her memberships to the Garden Club and the Music Club of Buchanan. She worships in the Baptist Church of Buchanan, in which her late husband was also active.

STUART MOORE, an outstanding member of the bar in the Valley, is also a leading Democrat of Rockbridge County and has held various types of public office. He is a military veteran of World War I.

Born in Lexington on December 4, 1893, Mr. Moore is the son of Samuel R. and Lelia (Stuart) Moore. His father was treasurer of Rockbridge County for twenty-seven years. A member of the Liberty Hall Volunteers, he served with the Confederate Army throughout the War Between the States and was wounded three times. He died at the age of seventy-three in Lexington.

The lawyer began his education in the public schools of Lexington. Graduated in 1910 from the Lexington high school, he then spent five years

at Washington and Lee University, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1915. Later he studied law at George Washington University in the national capital. He then returned to Washington and Lee University, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1921. When he was in Washington, D. C., Mr. Moore worked in the Library of Congress and also in various other Government departments, and in private investigations. Before he could return to his native city, the United States entered World War I and he served in the United States Army, in 1917 and 1918. Following his graduation from Washington and Lee, he established himself in the general practice of law in Lexington. This was in 1921, and since that time he has continued his legal work in his birthplace.

In the years that have passed, Mr. Moore has achieved a position of great influence in the Valley, especially in his own county. He is vice-president and a member of the board of directors of the Rockbridge National Bank of Lexington. For many years he served as secretary of the Rockbridge County Democratic Central Committee. He has also been on the Lexington School Board and on the Lexington Town Council. He is active in the Lexington Post of the American Legion and in Phi Kappa Sigma Fraternity, and is a member of the Board of Stonewall Jackson Hospital. He worships in the Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Moore married Hilah White Pendleton, the daughter of Hunter and Louise (White) Pendleton, at Lexington on November 9, 1927. They have two children—Louise Pendleton Moore, born on March 9, 1929, and Stuart Moore, Jr., born on November 9, 1930.

IRVINE CHARLES BAKER — The career of Irvine Charles Baker of Lexington has been varied and widely-traveled and is now serving as an excellent background for civic activities which are becoming ever more valuable and prominent in Shenandoah Valley. Behind him a host of experiences, Mr. Baker is now successfully engaged in the Ford automobile retail sales business, with show rooms and service and repair shops at 14-16 East Nelson Street, Lexington.

Born in Kansas City, Missouri, on June 26, 1907, Mr. Baker is the son of Albert Manley Baker, a grocer at Kansas City, and Catherine Elizabeth (Kennedy) Baker. After attending the elementary and high schools of his native community—he was graduated from high school in 1925—Mr. Baker went to the University of Kan-

sas at Lawrence and in 1930 took his degree of Bachelor of Arts. His first position was that of salesman for the Wilson Packing Company at Kansas City. After a year or so, he resigned to take a similar post with the Blue Valley Creamery Company, also in Kansas City. His next position brought him to the Shenandoah Valley, for he became manager at Staunton of the Universal Credit Company of Virginia. However, when the United States was plunged into World War II, he returned to his native city in the Middle West and there "for the duration" worked for the American Aviation Company. After the war he returned to Virginia as zone supervisor for the Bank of Virginia in Richmond. Since May, 1945, he has been Ford dealer at Lexington. Mr. Baker was soon one of the outstanding citizens of that community, active in all major community programs. In the year 1948-1949, he served as president of the Lions Club of Lexington. He is also well known in the Lexington Chamber of Commerce and in the Masonic order. His college fraternity is Delta Tau Delta. He worships in the First Presbyterian Church of Lexington.

Mr. Baker married Phyllis Agatha Thomas, daughter of John W. and Clara Mabel (Cole) Thomas, in Kansas City on December 26, 1930. They have three children—Irvine Thomas, born on March 17, 1934, at Kansas City, Kansas; Phyllis Elaine, born on May 19, 1936, at Kansas City; and Paul Charles, born on February 14, 1946, at Lexington, Virginia.

NICHOLAS CHARLES GRAFF—The restaurant and hostelry business is an open book to Nicholas Charles Graff of Lexington, for he has been in this field his entire working life. As head of the Dutch Inn, restaurant and hotel in Lexington, Mr. Graff has come to be known to thousands, residents of Shenandoah Valley or visitors, as one of the great hosts of the South. He is one of the leading citizens of Lexington and has served in high organizational posts. He is a veteran of World War II who served overseas.

Mr. Graff was born at Erie, Pennsylvania, on May 30, 1908. Both his parents were restaurant owners. His father, Charles Nicholas Graff, was a restaurant owner at both Erie and at Lynchburg, and he operated a popular eating place, the Boston Cafe, at the latter city from 1925 until his death on December 4, 1934. His widow, Eva N. (Gianakos) Graff, then took over the management of that business. Nicholas Graff was graduated

from the E. C. Glass High School, Lynchburg, in 1935. Later, he took postgraduate courses in business in the night sessions of the same high school.

Until 1938, Mr. Graff worked for his mother in the Boston Cafe at Lynchburg. Then he moved to Lexington, where he became manager of the Southern Inn Restaurant. He left this post in 1941 to enter the United States Army Air Forces and for a time he was a member of the ground crew at St. Angelo, Texas, holding the rank of technical sergeant. He was attached to the Air Inspector's Department. In April, 1943, Mr. Graff went to England with the Eighth Air Force and remained there until July, 1945. Following his return to the States later that year, he was separated from the service and returned to civilian life at Lexington. In January, 1946, Mr. Graff opened the Dutch Inn, which had been closed four years, and he has since made it a bustling, thriving hostelry, with one of the more popular restaurants in the Lexington section of Shenandoah Valley. He is active in the American Hotel Association, the Virginia Hotel Association and the Southern Hotel Association. An indication of his leadership on the community level is his past service as president of the Lexington Chamber of Commerce and as treasurer of Shenandoah Valley, Inc. He is also a member of the Kiwanis Club of Lexington and various Masonic bodies, among them the York Rite and Kazim Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at Roanoke. He worships in the Greek Orthodox Church.

Mr. Graff married Theodora M. Vaya, the daughter of Michael and Anthippe Vaya, at Natural Bridge on July 15, 1946. Mrs. Graff is also a communicant of the Greek Orthodox Church. She assists her husband in the operation of Dutch Inn.

CHARLES CASPER TURNER, identified with agricultural pursuits in Broadway, Virginia, since 1921, had built an especially wide reputation in the poultry business. His hatcheries produce two million baby chicks yearly, as well as several thousand turkeys. He was the first pioneer in the broiler business in the Broadway and Brocks Gap section of Rockingham County, Virginia. Mr. Turner is a pioneer and inventor in this field, having perfected the first successful automatic wood-burning brooder used in breeding chicks. He is no less well known for his production of livestock, and some of the show horses which he

has raised since 1940 have become internationally known among horse fanciers. The story of Mr. Turner's career, in the words of "Farm and Livestock" magazine, is "about Poultry, Herefords, and Walking Horses, and the man who co-ordinates them."

Born in Pendleton County, at the top of Shenandoah Mountain, June 25, 1900, Charles Casper Turner is a son of Benjamin Franklin Turner, born at Fulks Run, Virginia, February 10, 1864, died January 3, 1947, and Susan Elizabeth (Smith) Turner, born at Criders, Virginia, November 21, 1872. His father was a farmer operating acreage in Rockingham County, and was active both in the work of his community and that of his church. A Mennonite in his religious faith, Benjamin Franklin Turner served as deacon of his church, and he was active in local civic affairs in Broadway, Virginia.

Charles Casper Turner began his education by attending schools on Pendleton Mountain, and rounded out his schooling in the secondary years with correspondence school courses. He thereafter for two years attended Madison College.

Mr. Turner opened his career by entering the educational field. For several years he taught school in Rockingham County, Virginia, and Pendleton County, West Virginia. He turned his attention from education to agriculture in 1921, selecting Broadway, Virginia, as the locale of his efforts. He entered the poultry field with fifteen hundred chickens, and within the first decade of his operations, his output grew to one hundred thousand fowls, and he also had at that time twenty thousand turkeys and twenty thousand breeder hens. This did not mark the limit of Mr. Turner's expansion, however. In 1933, he started his hatchery. At the present time the Turner farm produces two million baby chicks annually, and also several hundred thousand turkeys. The magazine, "Farm and Livestock," covering his field in the state of Virginia, thus describes some aspects of Mr. Turner's poultry operations:

He now has about one thousand turkey hens, about ten thousand laying hens. They are housed in the big old-fashioned barns that Charley Turner found on the farms he acquired, adapted by not expensive changes, to the project in hand. One old barn, where the turkeys are busy chirping round and the gobblers keep them company, has a south exposure with a sort of patio. When we visited they were inside with enough floor space to allow them to dance round. . . . They were just going into laying, one hundred and fifty eggs a day or so. These for early poults Charley explained. Each hen had a flat piece of apron on

her back, so the twenty-four to thirty pound toms would not tread on them and injure them. . . . Another barn has about three thousand chicken hens in it, two thousand two hundred and fifty eggs a day from the one unit.

Mr. Turner, this article points out, produces about forty thousand chicks a week from the hatchery. These go to firms who buy direct and then give his hatchery a distribution, which it executes. C. C. Turner Farms, as this complex agricultural organization is known, contracts personal supervision of their own produce, on other places. A specialist has charge of production for the farm. Highly trained, he prepares himself with study courses under state management. It is his responsibility to get eggs to the hatchery, and to check the cause for any slowdown in production. Such details indicate the efficiency with which the C. C. Turner Farms are run.

Mr. Turner's total area devoted to agricultural purposes equals a thousand acres. On this acreage he has also three hundred head of registered Herefords—the second aspect of his farming operations. These he sells for breeding purposes in Rockingham County and contiguous areas. "Farm and Livestock" magazine gives us a few statistics in this connection:

There are some two hundred breeding cows, three hundred head of cattle on the farm in one form or another. His outlet is in young bulls, \$13,000 worth of them sold last year. He has held two yearly sales, but latterly he has been culling to improve the herd, selling these animals at cull prices and with that understanding. . . . The bull that has put his herd where it is today is the ten-year-old Dandy Mixer with Prince Domino Aster and TT Triumphant 39th as his chief helpers.

In this aspect of his operations, Mr. Turner employs the services of another specialist: Roy Hammes, who is a graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute, and who has been given complete control of the herd.

Mr. Turner has been breeding horses since 1940, and thence has developed the third department of his agricultural operations. Of these show horses—all Tennessee walking horses—he at present has thirty-five head. Most famous of these has been "Merry Go Boy", world champion for six consecutive years, and well meriting his title of "King of the Walking Horses". The magazine, "American Horseman," thus speaks of this remarkable animal:

Merry Go Boy's record is almost unbelievable. In 1946 he accounted for two grand champion-

ships, two championships, one reserve, five trophies, nine firsts and one second. In 1947 he carried home to his owners two grand championships, four trophies, three tricolors and four firsts.

In 1943 he was the national weanling champion; in 1944 the national yearling champion; in 1945 the national two-year-old champion; in 1946 the national three-year-old champion, national junior champion, and reserve world's champion.

The greatest horse climaxed his 1947 performances by winning the world's championship and undisputed title of "King of the Walking Horses". He repeated his top performance at the 1948 Celebration, winning for his new owner, Mr. Turner, the coveted World's Grand Championship title.

"Southern Horseman" magazine has made clear, in terse phrases, the exceptional position of "Merry Go Boy" in the horseman's world:

Merry Go Boy has shown at all of the large events, without consideration of age, sex, rank or judge, and has never been defeated in his class. Only one horse out of his class was ever placed above him, he being a mature horse when Go Boy was still a junior. Since that time Go Boy has successfully encountered that rival as well as every other of outstanding quality, leaving him without a peer. He enters the show arena with ease, grace and dignity that only a hero can wear. He is small of stature, but his proportions are accented by his bearing and ability; he is as big a horse as ever lived.

And the magazine, "Saddle and Bridle," joined in the acclaim with these words:

This young stallion has reached the peak to which all of his breed aspire. He is on the top rung of the ladder at the age of six years, each previous season found him a champion in some lesser degree. He has always gone forward in his climb toward the top. Defeat has not been his lot; victory has crowned his endeavors. He stands upon the peak today and looks down at those who try to reach his attainment and equal his record.

Regarding the larger view of Mr. Turner's horse-breeding and -raising activities, "Farm and Livestock" magazine, in its article on Mr. Turner, continues:

The Walking Horses are Charley Turner's special hobby, a paying-off one at that. There are forty head on the place, twenty brood mares. His black stud, Merry Go Boy, purchased last summer for \$55,000 would please the eye of disciples of any breed of horses. . . . Outlet for the produce is in young broken horses to show, for pleasure or to breed. There has been no lack of demand. Charley shoes all his horses and makes his own shoes from bar iron. He breaks his own youngsters to ride personally, before he lets anyone else get topside. . . .

Charles Turner has also made his name as an inventor. One of these inventions springs from his preoccupation with poultry. It is the first successful automatic wood-burning brooder used in breeding chickens, and is now manufactured by the Shenandoah Equipment Corporation of Harrisonburg, Virginia, which ships stoves and related equipment all over the United States. Another of Mr. Turner's inventions is the Humane Tail Set, which makes unnecessary the cutting and setting of tails of show horses. This invention has been recognized as outstanding by humane societies throughout the country, and by legions of appreciative horsemen.

The trend of Mr. Turner's career toward its present tripartite agricultural endeavor has been suggested in the scope of a few words in the article on him, previously cited, from the columns of "Farm and Livestock" magazine:

Charley Turner started with \$800 in this same place, or part of it. As a youngster he drove herds from West Virginia over to Broadway for his dad. A horse and dog were his aides. He learned to appreciate a comfortable, fast walking horse and he early learned about stock. He and his cousin John, now of Willomor, traded some turkeys for their first cow, she a Shorthorn. John asked to do the trade; he has stayed with Shorthorns. Charley took to Herefords. . . . He had a top-grade herd at first; people came to buy his bulls, so he found it expedient to go into the purebreds. He is still seeking a greater degree of perfection; he is forty-eight years old, he will get mighty near that spot where no one really does reach one hundred per cent.

Mr. Turner takes an active part in the business life of his community. He is vice-president of the Mutual Feed Company of Broadway, and is a partner in the Broadway Feed and Supply Company. He was active in the organization of both companies, and his foresight in selecting business enterprises in which to invest his energies is indicated by the fact that each of these companies has a volume of business exceeding one million dollars annually. Charles Turner's religious affiliation is with the Mennonite Church in Broadway.

One of his often quoted remarks concerns "getting and spending": "It's not what you make that counts, it's what you spend it on, so you spend it right". There are indications that Mr. Turner spends his substance "right" in regard to charity and community betterment. It has been estimated that these donations reach an annual ten thousand dollars. No details are given other than that "it goes to causes where it will do the most good for his fellow men, and their de-

pendents." The twenty-five or more men on Mr. Turner's payroll receive generous treatment. They constitute an efficient system of running C. C. Turner Farms—so efficient that book work is kept at a minimum.

In Harrisonburg, Virginia, in 1922, Charles Casper Turner married Mildred Elizabeth Shoemaker, daughter of Robert Edward and Mary (Kirkpatrick) Shoemaker. They have become the parents of six children, all born at Broadway, Virginia: 1. Millard Wilton, born May 16, 1926. 2. Martha Jane, born October 11, 1928. She is married to Warren Rorer of Lancaster, Pennsylvania. 3. Mary June, born May 10, 1930. She is now Mrs. James Rorer, of Wadsworth, Ohio. 4. Paul Frederick, born September 13, 1932. 5. Eva Nell, born November 18, 1937. 6. Charles Casper, II, born April 5, 1946.

CURTIS CARLYLE HUMPHRIS — Widely known in business circles in Lexington, Curtis Carlyle Humphris operates a general store established years ago by his maternal grandfather. The community has benefited to a marked degree from the contribution that this store has made to local institutions and people, and Mr. Humphris himself has figured prominently in community life in recent years.

Mr. Humphris was born October 30, 1895, in East Lexington, Virginia, son of William Rives and Ida C. (Mohler) Humphris. His grandfather, A. D. Mohler, originally founded the family business in 1869, but in 1888 he sold it to his son-in-law, William Rives Humphris, who became C. C. Humphris' father. W. R. Humphris had come to East Lexington in 1884 from Augusta County. Here he has been engaged in ice manufacturing, merchandising and farming. When he bought the Mohler business, it came to be known as the W. R. Humphris General Store. He continued to head the organization until his death on August 21, 1932, and was for years its sole owner, even after his son became interested in it.

Curtis Carlyle Humphris attended Lexington schools, and was graduated from high school here in 1913. He then entered Washington and Lee University, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1917. For two years he taught at the Horner Military School, in Charlotte, North Carolina. Then, in 1925, he came back to East Lexington and went into his father's business. The firm name was changed to W. R. Humphris and Son, and by this name the enterprise continues to be known.

In addition to his activity as head of this organization at the time of writing, Mr. Humphris takes a lively interest in community affairs. He operates his own eighty-five-acre farm. He is also a director of the People's National Bank, of Lexington. His public service has been noteworthy, particularly as a member of the Rockbridge County school board over a period of ten years. He is still serving on this board. During World War I, he was a second lieutenant in the Field Artillery. In the Free and Accepted Masons, Mr. Humphris is a past master of his lodge, and he is affiliated with the Royal Arch chapter; the Knights Templar commandery, of which he is a past commander; and Kazim Temple (Roanoke) of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a past president of the Lexington Kiwanis Club, having so served in 1944. In the Methodist Church he is a member of the official board.

Curtis Carlyle Humphris married, November 22, 1923, in Peddler Mills, Virginia, Margaret Loving Eubank, daughter of Robert and Margaret (Loving) Eubank. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Curtis Carlyle, Jr., born December 30, 1927. 2. Robert Rives, born January 2, 1929. 3. Betty Penn, born February 20, 1933.

PRESTON RICE BROWN—Since 1947 Preston Rice Brown has operated Pres Brown's Sport Shop, in Lexington, where he took up his residence in that year.

Mr. Brown was born December 10, 1919, in Craddock, Virginia, son of Andrew Clyde and Lillian Virginia Brown. His father is an engineer in Portsmouth, Virginia.

Preston Rice Brown attended the schools of Craddock, where he was graduated from high school, then entered Washington and Lee University, where he finished his course in 1942. The United States had by that time become one of the leading participants in World War II, and Mr. Brown enlisted in the Marine Corps. Serving with the Twenty-third Regiment, Fourth Division, he was wounded on the Marshall Islands. Later he was with the Fifth Regiment, First Division, at Okinawa. Returning home after the war, Mr. Brown moved to Lexington in 1947, and in March of that same year opened Pres Brown's Sport Shop.

This enterprise has been highly successful from the beginning and has justified the proprietor's hopes in establishing it. Mr. Brown also takes a

leading role in civic and social life of Lexington, where he belongs to the Kiwanis Club and the Presbyterian Church. He has been very active in forming a local baseball league and a basketball league. At Washington and Lee University, he became a member of Alpha Chapter of Phi Kappa Sigma Fraternity, and was president of the chapter while a student.

Preston Rice Brown married, August 31, 1943, at Oceanside, California, Alma Susan Simpson, daughter of William Hieatt and Alma (Bennett) Simpson. Mrs. Brown was graduated from Southern Seminary's High School Department, Buena Vista, Virginia, in 1939 and from the Junior College Department in 1941. She then attended Emerson College, Boston, Massachusetts, where she was graduated in 1943. Mr. and Mrs. Brown became the parents of one son, Preston Hieatt Brown, born in Chattanooga, Tennessee, July 30, 1944.

FLETCHER CLEVELAND DAVIS—For many years Fletcher Cleveland Davis has occupied a prominent position in the life of Lexington. He has participated in both the business affairs of this community and in its official activities.

Mr. Davis was born July 27, 1884, in Toano, James City County, Virginia, son of Fletcher Cole and Bettie (Warren) Davis. His father was a merchant and farmer in James City County, and served in the Matthew County Cavalry for four years during the War Between the States. He was a private under Captain L. W. Lane.

Fletcher Cleveland Davis attended public schools in James City County, then entered the College of William and Mary. Afterward he was a student at the University College of Medicine, in Richmond, in 1905 and 1906. In 1906 he took the examinations given by the Board of Pharmacy, and was admitted to practice as a registered pharmacist. In the same year he came to Lexington, where he associated himself with McCrum's Drug Store, with whom he remained until 1941. Through the last fifteen years of that period, from 1926 to 1941, he was agent in Lexington for the Greyhound Bus Lines. After the McCrum store was incorporated as the McCrum Drug Company, Inc., Mr. Davis became a stockholder and vice-president of the organization, so continuing until he sold his interest in the business in 1943.

On March 23, 1938, he was appointed postmaster of Lexington. In 1923 he became a member of the Board of Supervisors of Rockbridge County, so continuing until 1930. From 1928 to 1945 he was a member of the Board of Visitors of the

Medical College in Virginia. In the early 1930s he was county director for the National Recovery Administration. Along with his other undertakings Mr. Davis is a charter member of the Lexington Kiwanis Club. He belongs to the National Association of Postmasters and the Virginia Pharmaceutical Association. In the Free and Accepted Masons he belongs to the York Rite bodies, including Kazim Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of the Knights of Pythias. In the Methodist Church he is a member of the Board of Stewards.

Fletcher Cleveland Davis married, November 7, 1907, in Newport News, Virginia, Anne Gilliam, daughter of Richard Benjamin and Annie Beth (Lindsay) Gilliam.

HOWARD BROWN HARBARGER—As proprietor of "Varsity," Howard Brown Harbarger is active in Lexington's business life. This establishment is one of the community's leading restaurants, and in connection with it Mr. Harbarger is active in the tobacco business and handles cosmetics and sundries. He is also engaged in the dairy business.

Mr. Harbarger was born September 17, 1917, in Covington, Virginia, son of Robert Olen and Nancy Ann (Bennett) Harbarger. His father was a railroad engineer, associated for many years with the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad and the Florida East Coast Line.

Schools in his native district provided Howard Brown Harbarger's early education, and he was graduated from Millboro High School in 1937. In 1940 and 1941, he operated a roller skating rink in Covington, after which he was for two years engaged in automobile sales work in Clifton Forge. In January, 1943, he entered the Navy, in which he continued to serve until honorably discharged in January, 1946. His work in that connection was mainly concerned with amphibian warfare and landing craft. Starting as a seaman, he left the service as a Boatswain's Mate, First Class. Most of his service was in the Mediterranean Theatre of Operations, centering around Sicily, Palermo, Anzio and Southern France. He earned four battle citations.

Returning to civilian life in 1946, Mr. Harbarger began dairy farming, so continuing down to the time of writing. He sells his products wholesale, maintaining forty milch cows and sixty head of cattle. He opened "Varsity" on October 10, 1949. Along with his personal undertakings, Mr.

Harbarger takes a deep interest in community affairs and he is a leader in the work of the Baptist Church.

Howard Brown Harbarger married, January 11, 1946, in Lexington, Virginia, Helen Virginia Barger, daughter of Samuel and Mary Martha (Cupp) Barger. They became the parents of a son, Edmund Lee Harbarger, born September 14, 1946.

(MRS.) LINNETTE (BRANHAM) PEAK—

Long one of Glasgow's leading residents, Mrs. Linnette (Branham) Peak serves as postmistress of this community. She has taken a deep interest in its civic and social life, and is widely known and honored.

Mrs. Peak was born September 5, 1883, in Scott County, Kentucky, daughter of George N. and Evelyn (Stout) Branham. Her father was a farmer, and banker. Both parents died young.

Mrs. Peak is a descendant of Colonial and Revolutionary soldiers who were early landowners, and office holders in Virginia, Pennsylvania and New Jersey before moving west to the beautiful land later known as Kentucky. There they were representative citizens, serving in the State Legislature, a Circuit Judgeship and as college teachers. In New Jersey, one of the founders of the Baptist Church in 1667 was Richard Stout. Some of his descendants through the present twelfth generation now in Kentucky have been Baptist ministers. Other New Jersey ancestors were of the Van Dyke, and Bollen families, James Bollen being Secretary of State under Philip Carteret, first proprietary governor in 1665. In Augusta County, Virginia, Captain William Kinkead served with General Bouquet in the French and Indian Wars.

Linnette Branham attended Georgetown Academy in Georgetown, Scott County, Kentucky, and was graduated from Georgetown College in 1903. In 1904 she received the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy from Kansas Wesleyan University at Salina, Kansas.

On January 5, 1915, at Midway, Kentucky, Linnette Branham became the wife of William Moore Peak, son of Milton and Margaret (Glass) Peak. Mr. Peak died August 23, 1949.

Mrs. Peak's activities in Glasgow have continued over a period of many years, during which she has been clerk in the local Post Office and the Postmistress of the community. She was librarian and tutor at Rollins College, Winter Park, Florida in 1909. She is active in the Historical Society of Rockbridge County, the United Daughters of

the Confederacy and the Daughters of the American Revolution. She is a life member of the Woman's Association of Georgetown College and a member of the Episcopal Church. Her brother, William Henry Branham, was a member of the second group of Rhodes Scholars who went to Oxford University, England, in 1905.

EDWARD VERNON BRUSH, JR., M.D.—Engaged in a general practice of medicine in Lexington since 1939, Dr. Edward Vernon Brush, Jr., has made a substantial contribution to the professional life of this region of Virginia. He has had a broad background of experience in business and other types of professional activity and has come to be widely known and respected in the Shenandoah Valley.

Dr. Brush was born December 2, 1908, in Tuckahoe, New York, son of Edward Vernon and Mary Spence (Conover) Brush. His father, who is now deceased, was for many years business manager of Chatham Hall, Chatham, Virginia.

Dr. Edward Vernon Brush, Jr., attended the public school at Dover Plains, New York. He came to Virginia in 1917, settling at "Featherstone Farms." He attended the Woodbridge Schools and was graduated from high school at Norfolk. He also attended Woodrow Wilson High School in Portsmouth for a time and was a student at Virginia Polytechnic Institute in 1927 and 1928. He then operated his own dairy farm outside Suffolk from 1928 to 1930, and taught school at Virginia Beach in 1930 and 1931.

In 1931, having determined to study medicine, he entered the University of Virginia for that purpose, continuing his efforts along those lines until he was graduated in 1937 as a Doctor of Medicine. Meanwhile, between 1927 and 1938 he was a director of Camp Robert Hunt, situated near Norfolk. Upon completing his medical studies, he served an internship at Norfolk General Hospital in 1937 and 1938, and was a resident physician at Leigh Memorial Hospital in 1938. He came to Lexington in 1939 and entered general practice. Here he continues his professional work down to the time of writing while he also interests himself in the work of the different medical organizations, including the Rockbridge County Medical Society and the Rockbridge County Chapter of the American Medical Association. He also belongs to the Kiwanis Club and the Episcopal Church in Lexington.

Dr. Edward Vernon Brush, Jr., married, December 23, 1933, in Lexington, Virginia, Myra St.

Julien Marshall, daughter of Robert Stribling and Susan Lewis (Marshall) Marshall. Dr. and Mrs. Brush became the parents of three children: 1. Myra Marshall, born September 28, 1937. 2. Mary Conover, born November 3, 1940. 3. Susan Lewis, born September 8, 1946.

RAY ERNEST FIRESTONE—In the poultry business, Ray Ernest Firestone has played an important role in the state of Virginia, and in national circles as well. He lives at Troutville, where he and his family have been in charge of the Troutville Poultry Farm, Inc., since 1936.

Mr. Firestone was born February 25, 1906, in Botetourt County, Virginia, son of Ernest C. and Florence M. (Strickler) Firestone. His father was a business man until his retirement, having been one of the founders and owners of Troutville Poultry Farm, Inc. This firm is a large, commercial producer of baby chicks.

Ray Ernest Firestone attended the Troutville schools, and was graduated from Troutville high school in 1925. He then attended Roanoke College from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1928, majoring in business administration. Mr. Firestone was principal of one of the Botetourt County schools for a period of one year after his graduation. In 1930 he accepted a position in the statistical department of Bell Telephone Laboratories in New York City. In 1933 Mr. Firestone left the telephone company and entered the vegetable canning business. He was active in this business until the year 1936 with packing plants in Bedford, Pulaski, and Lunenburg counties of Virginia.

In 1936 Mr. Firestone became associated with his father in the conduct of the Troutville Poultry Farm, Inc., which the elder Mr. Firestone had founded in 1919. In 1937 he became a stockholder and vice-president of the firm and took full charge of the hatchery business. During the ensuing years this business was expanded and became one of Virginia's largest producers of baby chicks. In 1943 the younger Mr. Firestone founded a poultry processing business of which he was the sole owner. Two years later he was joined by his brother, Joseph Bennett Firestone, as a partner in this new enterprise, each brother owning one-half interest in the poultry processing business. In 1949 this firm, known as Firestone & Company, completed the erection of one of the most modern poultry processing plants in Virginia, whose payroll is sufficiently large to aid substantially the prosperity of Troutville and Botetourt County.



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was a 4-H Club leader, engaged in the work of demonstration clubs. Mr. and Mrs. Hotinger are the parents of three children: 1. Josephine Susan, born November 17, 1929. 2. Harvey Lewis, Jr., born September 22, 1931. 3. Harold Rice, born November 14, 1933.

WILLIAM WYANT WHARTON — Carrying forward an extensive practice of law in Harrisonburg, William Wyant Wharton centers his professional work here and figures prominently in the civic life of the community. He has held a number of public offices in this region, and is widely known in the Shenandoah Valley.

Mr. Wharton was born July 26, 1907, in Montgomery, West Virginia, son of John Thomas Morton Wharton and Anna Barbara (Wyant) Wharton. His father, who was a native of Culpeper County, Virginia, served the Confederacy in Cobb's Legion. He was wounded near Richmond. Later he operated a coal mine in West Virginia.

William Wyant Wharton attended elementary schools in the vicinity of his birthplace, and in 1924 was graduated from Greenwood High School, in Albemarle County, Virginia. He took his pre-law studies at Hampden-Sydney College and the University of Virginia, and received his legal education at the University of Virginia. In 1931 he began his practice in Harrisonburg, and between 1932 and 1936 he served as judge of the Harrisonburg Police Court. In 1936 he was made city attorney of Harrisonburg, so serving until 1940. Since that time he has confined his attention to his legal practice, as a partner in the firm of Wharton, Aldhizer and Weaver.

Between 1942 and 1945 Mr. Wharton served in the navy and rose to the rank of Lieutenant Commander. He was stationed mainly aboard a United States destroyer as a staff officer, on "Desron 19," and was in numerous engagements in Pacific waters. In politics Mr. Wharton is a Republican. He belongs to the Lions' Club of Harrisonburg, of which he was the first president. He is a past commander of the local American Legion Post and a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He also belongs to the Sons of the Confederacy, the Phi Alpha Delta law fraternity, the Free and Accepted Masons and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a past exalted ruler of his Elks' lodge. Mr. Wharton is a Presbyterian.

William Wyant Wharton married, September 2, 1932, in Cheriton, Virginia, Virginia N. Hallett, daughter of Thomas Edward and Margaret Stoak-

ley Hallett. They became the parents of two children, born at Harrisonburg, Virginia: 1. Virginia Hallett, born in July, 1933. 2. William Wyant, II, born in August, 1934.

RUSSELL MAUZY WEAVER—Engaged in the practice of law in Harrisonburg, Virginia, since 1936, Russell Mauzy Weaver is a member of the firm of Wharton, Aldhizer and Weaver, with offices in the First National Bank Building. Mr. Weaver has an excellent record of public service. In his professional capacity he served the federal government in connection with the National Recovery Administration; he has represented his district in the Virginia House of Delegates for a total of eight years; and has been a member of the school board of Harrisonburg. He brings to his present practice thorough knowledge and extensive experience.

Mr. Weaver, who is a native of Rockingham County, was born February 25, 1901, son of William Prentice Russell and Fannie (Mauzy) Weaver. His parents were farming people, making their home in Rockingham County. Russell M. Weaver attended Oak Hill Academy in McGaheysville, Virginia, from which he was graduated in 1918; and he received his degree of Bachelor of Laws from the University of Virginia in 1926.

Mr. Weaver started practice in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, where he remained until 1934. In that year he went to Washington, D. C., where until 1936 he was in the employ of the National Recovery Administration, a government agency at that time engaged in ameliorating the conditions causing nationwide economic depression. He severed his connection with the Administration in 1936 and in that year established practice in Harrisonburg, where he has been since.

Mr. Weaver's career in public life began in 1938 when he was elected to represent his district in the House of Delegates, State of Virginia. He retained his seat until 1940; was re-elected in 1942; and ably represented his constituents until 1948. From 1940 until 1942, Mr. Weaver was a member of the Harrisonburg school board, and in 1940 he was Judge of the Trial Justice Court of Rockingham County.

He was in his undergraduate days a member of Alpha Tau Omega, college fraternity, and also holds membership in the Imp and Eli Banana societies. Locally, he is affiliated with the lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Lions Club. In his religious faith, Mr. Weaver

is a Methodist, and is a member of the Board of Stewards of his church. He served a term of four years as a member of the Board of Managers of the University of Virginia. In 1944 he was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention at Chicago, representing the State of Virginia.

In New York City, October 22, 1927, Russell Mauzy Weaver married Lucia Wilkinson, daughter of W. A. and Lucia (Swanson) Wilkinson. Mr. and Mrs. Weaver have a son, Russell Mauzy, Jr., who was born May 11, 1930. The family resides in Harrisonburg.

CHARLES ALFRED HAMMER, JR.—Member of a family which has played a notable part in the development of commercial affairs in Harrisonburg, Charles Alfred Hammer, Jr., has devoted himself to the profession of the law. Yet he too has been active in business connections, and is now a director of Hirsch Brothers, Inc., which engages in the live stock business. Mr. Hammer is active politically, and has served his community in public office.

Born in Harrisonburg March 3, 1912, Mr. Hammer is a son of Charles Alfred, Sr., and Bertha (Loewner) Hammer. His father, an attorney practicing in Harrisonburg for many years, is now deceased. The elder Charles A. Hammer was also referee in bankruptcy for the United States Department of Internal Revenue. He was postmaster of Harrisonburg at one time during his career, and was former secretary of the Republican party in Rockingham County, a member of the party's committee, and on several occasions delegate to the national conventions. He was fraternally affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Knights of Pythias. Charles Alfred Hammer, Sr., married Bertha Loewner, daughter of Samuel and Augusta Loewner, who migrated to this country from Bohemia. Samuel Loewner was one of the founders of the Modern Hebrew Church in Harrisonburg.

Charles A. Hammer, Jr., attended the Harrisonburg public schools, and Augusta Military Academy, from which he graduated in 1931. He was early attracted to the legal profession, and studied law under his father, then prominent as an attorney in Harrisonburg. He passed his examination for admission to the bar of the state of Virginia in June, 1933. While preparing himself for the practice of law, Charles A. Hammer, Jr., also acquired some valuable business experience. In association with his uncle, Lee G. Loewner of Harrisonburg,

he was engaged in the curing and selling of Virginia hams, and he later operated a filling station.

Mr. Hammer first entered practice in partnership with his father, their firm being designated Hammer and Hammer. His father died in May, 1938, and since that time the son has practiced independently, the law firm in his own name occupying offices in the Spottswood Building. He has retained his interest in business affairs, and is a director of Hirsch Brothers, Inc., dealers in live stock.

From 1936 to 1940, Mr. Hammer served as police judge of Harrisonburg. He was chairman of the Young Republicans of Virginia, and is also Republican Party committeeman for the Seventh District. Mr. Hammer's military training has consisted of membership in the Reserve Officers Training Corps.

Mr. Hammer has not identified himself with fraternal organizations. However, he participates in the work of the Presbyterian Church of his community.

In Martinsburg, West Virginia, December 16, 1933, Charles Alfred Hammer, Jr., married Sue Anderson Rolston, daughter of David Hinton and Eva (Forrer) Rolston. David H. Rolston is a member, and past chairman, of the Rockingham County school board. He is the owner of extensive apple orchards in that county. His brother, Dr. C. H. Rolston, is a former member of the House of Delegates from Rockingham County. Another uncle of Mrs. Hammer is Dr. Bitzer, well known among church laymen as moderator of the Presbyterian Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Hammer are the parents of three children: 1. Kathryn Anne, born March 15, 1940. 2. Linda Evelyn, born January 6, 1943. 3. Carolyn Alfred, born in March, 1944.

CHARLES GRATTAN PRICE — A leading figure in the insurance field in Harrisonburg over many years, Charles Grattan Price heads the firm of C. G. Price and Sons. He holds office in the Harrisonburg Realty Corporation, and exerts his influence in banking and civic affairs.

Mr. Price was born near Harrisonburg, Virginia, September 6, 1883, and is a son of James Robert and Mary (Marshall) Price. His father was a merchant as well as a farmer, and served in the Confederate States Army during the War Between the States, enlisting in Company I, 10th Virginia Regiment. After beginning his education in the public schools of Rockingham County and graduating from Dayton High School, C. Grattan

Price entered Shenandoah College, also in Dayton. His first business connection, on completing his courses there, was as stenographer for the firm of Sipe and Harris, which maintained law offices in Harrisonburg. He was later clerk, bookkeeper and assistant cashier of the Rockingham National Bank, with which institution he has remained identified, banking being one of his dominant interests to the present time. In 1911, Mr. Price became deputy treasurer of Rockingham County. The next year he organized the general insurance agency of Burke and Price, which has now for many years been known as C. G. Price and Sons.

Mr. Price, in addition to heading the insurance firm which bears his name, is president of the Rockingham National Bank in Harrisonburg. He holds high office in the organizations of his colleagues, being past president of the Virginia Association of Insurance Agents, and secretary-treasurer of the Harrisonburg Realty Corporation. He has served his community as president of the Woodbine Cemetery Company, secretary-treasurer of the Rockingham Memorial Hospital, serving continuously for thirty-seven years, and trustee of the Richmond Hospital Service Association. He was for four years a member of the board of visitors of the Mount Vernon Association.

During World War I, Mr. Price participated officially in selective service registration, and was instrumental in promoting the Liberty Loan drives. He was also a member of the Shenandoah Valley Defense Council. He is a Democrat in his politics, and has served his party on both the city committee and on the Democratic state central committee.

Mr. Price is fraternally affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, being a member of Rockingham Union Lodge No. 27 in Harrisonburg, and its Past Master; Past High Priest of the Rockingham Royal Arch Chapter No. 6; Past Eminent Commander of Harrisonburg Commandery No. 10; District Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Virginia; and a member of the Virginia Consistory, Scottish Rite, at Alexandria. He has advanced through all the bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite to become a thirty-second degree Mason; and he is a member, and Past Imperial Representative, of Acca Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, in Richmond.

He is a member of the Harrisonburg Rotary Club, one of its charter members, and past president. He is also past president of the Chamber of Commerce of Harrisonburg, and is a member of the Commonwealth Club of Richmond.

His church activities play an important part in Mr. Price's life. Long a devoted member and active layman and officer of the Presbyterian Church, he is president of the board of trustees of the Lexington Presbytery, Inc., a member of the trustees of the General Assembly and Foundation of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, and is trustee of the Massanetta Springs Conference.

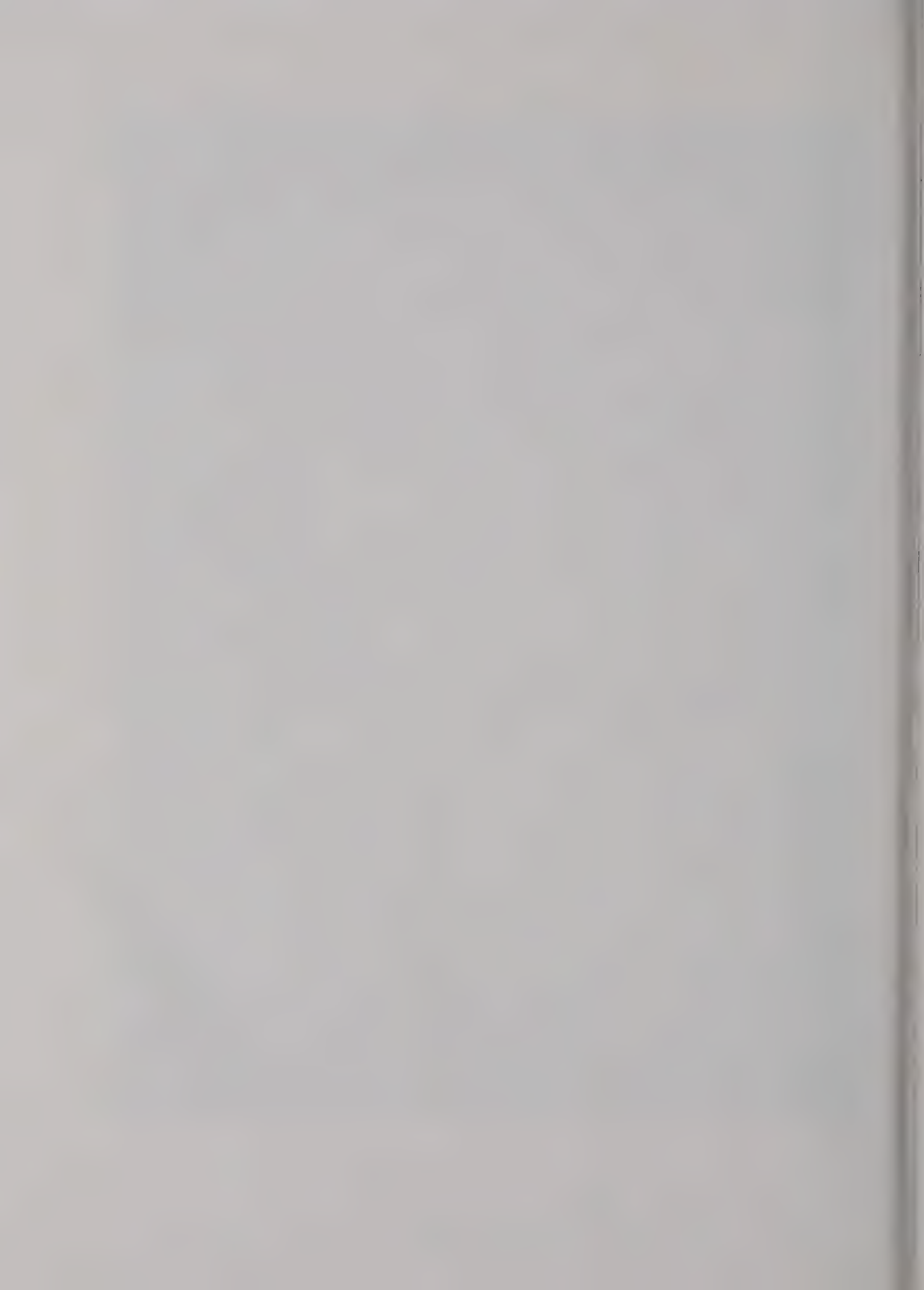
At Fort Worth, Texas, on June 12, 1917, C. Grattan Price married Julia Page Pleasants, daughter of Howard P. and Ella H. Pleasants. Mr. and Mrs. Price are the parents of two sons: 1. Charles Grattan, Jr., born May 31, 1919. 2. Page Pleasants, born February 15, 1924. The sons are partners of their father in the general insurance agency of C. G. Price and Sons, which has its offices in the National Bank Building.

FRED CLEVELAND REID—Late in 1919 two brothers, later to be joined by a third, borrowed some money and made a modest start as the operators of a meat market in Staunton. To meat they added groceries, and in time the firm they founded, first called Reid Brothers, assumed the proportions of a Shenandoah Valley institution. Today that firm, under the name it adopted in 1937, Reid Stores, Inc., operates five food markets of which three are super-markets, and a variety store in the Queen City of Shenandoah Valley, with Fred Cleveland Reid as president. Mr. Reid is known throughout the Old Dominion as an independent food dealer. He is also known for his leadership in the Methodist Church, especially the Marquis Memorial Church in Staunton, his activities on behalf of Staunton's development, his apple orchards and his interest in the general welfare. He is active in the laundry, construction, trucking and terminal businesses, in educational affairs and civic organizations. He is a military veteran of World War I.

Mr. Reid was born at Spring Creek, West Virginia, on April 7, 1892, the son of John Piercy and Sarah Elizabeth (Williams) Reid. The father, born in Greenbrier County, West Virginia, a farmer, served in the Confederate Army. He died in 1930. The mother, a native of Pendleton County, West Virginia, died in 1932. The paternal grandfather was a native of Winchester, Virginia. Fred C. Reid, the youngest of four children, first attended a one-room country school in West Virginia. When the family moved to Staunton, he entered the Staunton high school and in 1914 was



Fred C. Reid



graduated. The following year he completed a course at the Dunsmore Business College, Staunton. He worked at various jobs in Staunton until the United States entered World War I, and then he enlisted. At first he was stationed at Camp Humphreys, but later was transferred to General Black's office in Washington. He was not sent into action because of a crippled ankle. On February 22, 1919, he was discharged.

Upon his return to civilian life, Mr. Reid entered the employ of the Augusta County road department, at Staunton. He worked for seven months in the office of R. W. Moore, the road superintendent. He then embarked on the program which became his life work. He and his brother Roy bought out the W. T. Tate Meat Market at 111 W. Main Street, Staunton. The start, made late in 1919, was brought about through a loan of \$2,000 which the two brothers were able to obtain. In 1920, another brother, John, entered the business, and in 1921 a grocery department was added. Now the firm became Reid Brothers, and soon it was truly growing. In 1933 Roy L. Reid withdrew from the enterprise. He is now in the livestock business in Staunton. The firm, with Fred and John Reid operating it, continued as Reid Brothers until on January 1, 1937, it was incorporated as Reid Stores, Inc. In 1944, John A. Reid sold out his interest in the business. Today he is retired, but continues to hold the office of president of Whiteway Laundry of Staunton. The present officers of Reid Stores, Inc., are Fred C. Reid, president and general manager; J. Parker Horn, vice-president; George M. Robeson, vice-president, and Frank B. Cooper, secretary and treasurer. When the Reids first started their business, they employed four persons. Today fifty-five are on the payroll. At one time the firm operated ten stores, but three were sold during the years of World War II and one store was discontinued. The first store was moved from 111 W. Main Street to 120-24 West Beverley Street. This is the main store and also the headquarters for the entire chain. Other stores are also on West and East Beverley Streets and on Greenville Avenue. The variety store—somewhat like a five-ten-and-twenty-five-cent store—is at 1510 West Beverley Street. As head of this firm, Mr. Reid has become a state-wide figure. He is past president of the Virginia Independent Food Dealers Association.

Mr. Reid's activities and reputation extend far beyond the food business. In civic affairs, he is on the Staunton Board of Education and is past

president of the Staunton Chamber of Commerce as well as a member in the Knights of Pythias. He is vice-president and a director of the Whiteway Laundry, president of the Staunton Livestock Market, Inc., a director of the Wilson Trucking Corporation and the Wilson Terminal Association at Waynesboro, and secretary of the Beverley Builders, Inc., a development project, as well as owner and operator of apple orchards. He is also distinguished as a lay Methodist. He has held many offices in the Marquis Memorial Methodist Church, served on its board of stewards for many years and is the teacher of the Men's Fellowship Bible Class. He gave much time to the compilation of the church's Year Book and Directory, which were published in 1948 as part of the church's semi-centennial celebration. Also, he wrote the "Retrospective and Prospective," section of the Year Book and Directory, relating the history of the church from its founding in 1898 through its various changes and growth. The various clergymen who have served and are now serving this church, together with prominent lay members of the congregation, are united in crediting Mr. Reid with much of the success of the church in reaching all ages of the community, in its home and foreign mission work and other activities.

Mr. Reid married Elizabeth Harper Lewin of Staunton, the daughter of William A. and Betty (Hamrick) Lewin and a graduate of Staunton high school and Hollins College. Mr. and Mrs. Reid are the parents of four children: 1. William Hamrick Reid, born October 25, 1921, now (1950) a student at Bridgewater College. 2. Fred Cleveland Reid, Jr., born July 23, 1930, a student at Robert E. Lee High School, Staunton. 3. Elizabeth Evans Reid, born May 24, 1923, a graduate of Farmville State Teachers' College, now employed in the office of the Registrar at Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts. She is married to Donald E. Paradis of West Warwick, Rhode Island, who in 1950 took his degree of Bachelor of Laws at the Harvard University School of Law. 4. Mary Lucinda, born July 12, 1925, a graduate of Robert E. Lee High School and Randolph-Macon Women's College, Lynchburg, Virginia. She majored in art and has taught at Mount Vernon School in Alexandria, Virginia, and is now teaching in the Greenwood, Virginia, School.

GEORGE DENHAM CONRAD, who has since 1926 practiced law in Harrisonburg, Virginia, has

not only built up a successful private practice, but has devoted his professional abilities to the service of his city, his county and his commonwealth, in public office. He has been counsel for a number of important corporate organizations, and prominently identified with lawyers' groups. Mr. Conrad's offices are in the Court House Building in Harrisonburg.

He is a native of that city, and was born in 1904, son of George Newton and Emily (Pasco) Conrad. His father was also an attorney; indeed the two were associated in practice for a number of years until the older man's death. George Newton Conrad represented his district in the state senate, and was for twelve years commonwealth attorney in Harrisonburg and Rockingham County. Emily (Pasco) Conrad was the daughter of Samuel Pasco, former United States Senator from Florida. George D. Conrad is the elder of two brothers who became attorneys. Of the other brother, Samuel Pasco Conrad, a biographical sketch appears in this volume.

After attending the Harrisonburg public schools and graduating from high school in 1921, George D. Conrad entered Washington and Lee University and there pursued both his academic and professional studies. He received the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1927, the year following his admission to the bar of the State of Virginia.

Returning to his native city, he entered the practice of law with his father, the firm being designated Conrad and Conrad. Early acquainted with the responsibilities of public office, his first such post was as commissioner in chancery for the circuit court of Rockingham County. From 1940 to 1942, and again from 1945 to 1947, his professional ability was placed at the disposal of his city, as city attorney of Harrisonburg. He became commonwealth attorney for Rockingham County in 1948, and has filled that post very creditably since that time. He has taken an active and leading part in political affairs and is a member of the Democratic Committee of the City of Harrisonburg.

The sole significant interruption in Mr. Conrad's professional career came at the time of World War II. From 1942 to 1945, he served in the United States Army Air Force. He was commissioned a lieutenant and was stationed for some time in the European Theater of Operations, as combat intelligence officer to a heavy bomber group. Later he was promoted to Captain and transferred from the 303rd Bomb Group to the staff of General Nathan B. Forrest, who, incident-

ally, is a grandson of the famous General Forrest who served with the Southern Cavalry during the War Between the States. After Captain Conrad's sixteen months tour of duty overseas, he was returned to stateside service, where he was promoted to the rank of major and assigned to duty with the headquarters of the Army Air Forces and stationed at various times in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, Orlando, Florida, and at Bolling Field, Washington.

Professionally, George D. Conrad is a member of the Harrisonburg and State of Virginia bar associations. He has served as regional vice-president of the state organization, and as a member of the Council of the Virginia State Bar. His legal fraternity is Phi Delta Phi, and he is a member of the Phi Kappa Sigma social fraternity. A Methodist in his religious faith, he serves his church as chairman of the board of stewards and lay leader.

In New York City, August 14, 1933, George Denham Conrad married Vera Melone, daughter of John and Rosetta Melone of New Concord, Ohio.

CLARENCE WINDOM WENGER—Since 1940, Clarence Windom Wenger has practiced his profession of architecture in Harrisonburg, and has been a significant influence in the upbuilding of the modern city. Such structures as the Daily News-Record Building and the Rockingham Memorial Hospital addition are of his design, and from his drafting board have also come plans for numerous other buildings, widely known and admired throughout the East, the fruit of his earlier professional associations. Mr. Wenger has to his credit an excellent record of military service, is identified with the constructive work of the United Nations, and has proved himself a devoted citizen of Harrisonburg, where he was born.

Mr. Wenger is a son of Isaac Brenneman and Mary Lula (Beery) Wenger. He is descended from Christian Wenger, who emigrated to this country from Bavaria, Germany, in September, 1727. Joseph Wenger, son of Christian, came to Rockingham County from Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, about the time of the Revolution, settling north of Harrisonburg in the Wenger's Mill section. Some descendants are still living on the original tract of land purchased by Joseph Wenger. Clarence Wenger's ancestor in the maternal line was Abraham Beery, who emigrated to America from Switzerland in 1735. Mr. Wenger is of the sixth generation in America through both the paternal and maternal lines.

Isaac B. Wenger was a farmer and orchardist in Rockingham County, and had attended Roanoke College. He died in Harrisonburg in August, 1949. His wife was the former Mary Lula Beery, and their son, Clarence Windom, was born January 24, 1899. His education was begun in local schools and he attended Linville-Edom High School in Rockingham County. He then spent two years at Virginia Polytechnic Institute before entering the University of Virginia, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Architecture. He also took graduate studies at that state university.

Starting his architectural career, Mr. Wenger became associated, in Charlottesville, with Eugene Bradbury, architect. In 1922 he went to New York, and there during the next nine years was associated with some of the leading architectural firms of the metropolis. These, in consecutive order, were L. A. Abramson; Sugarman and Berger; McKim, Mead and White; J. E. R. Carpenter; and Shreve, Lamb and Harmon. Mr. Wenger later became a part of the staff of the Long Island State Park Commission. He also made most of the drawings for the Arlington Memorial Bridge, while with McKim, Mead and White. Also during the period of his New York experience, Mr. Wenger had a part in the design of the Empire State Building; the Lincoln Building on East Forty-second Street; the Young Men's Christian Association Building in the Borough of Brooklyn; numerous apartment buildings; and some of the newer construction on the campus of Columbia University. He also did drawings for the municipal library in Port Chester.

For two years, from 1935 to 1937, Mr. Wenger was in Dallas, Texas, where he was a designer for Associated Architects of permanent buildings for the Dallas Fair. He returned to his native state of Virginia in 1937, and became a licensed architect in that state in 1939. He is also licensed in the state of West Virginia. Since 1939, Mr. Wenger has headed his own firm. He located in Harrisonburg in 1940, his business address for some years being at 212 South Main Street. More recently he has occupied offices at 20 South Liberty Street. He has to his credit, during the years spent in his native city, the design of the Daily News-Record Building, the Second Division Headquarters and the Third Division Headquarters for the Virginia State Police, at Culpeper and Appomattox, respectively, and the recent addition made to the Rockingham Memorial Hospital. Mr. Wenger has also drawn plans for some of his area's most distinctive private residences, and for many

commercial buildings in Rockingham County, as well as for a number of residences in Charlottesville and Albemarle County.

The professional achievements of this period are the more remarkable in view of the fact that much of Mr. Wenger's time since his return to the Shenandoah Valley has been devoted to military service. He has served his country in both World Wars, having been in the United States Navy during the first conflict. Entering the army during World War II as a reserve officer, he attained the rank of major in the Corps of Engineers, and was stationed in several camps in Pennsylvania before entering upon the period of his overseas service. He served in France and Germany during the major portion of 1945 as commanding officer of several prisoner of war stockades, and as commanding officer of a utility company for the Lorraine District at Nancy, France.

Mr. Wenger is affiliated with the American Institute of Architects and the Society of American Military Engineers, and is a member of the Chamber of Commerce of his home community. He belongs also to the Rotary Club of Harrisonburg, and is a member of the Harrisonburg Presbyterian Church, in the work of which he is actively engaged.

In Charlottesville, Virginia, August 30, 1933, Clarence Windom Wenger married Elizabeth Gentry Hill, daughter of Thomas Montjoy and Edith (Gentry) Hill. Mr. and Mrs. Wenger have two children: 1. Diane Elizabeth, born June 25, 1934, now attending Stuart Hall. 2. Clarence Windom, Jr., born April 27, 1938, attending Harrisonburg High School. Both children were born in Charlottesville. The family resides at 620 Ott Street, Harrisonburg.

JACOB AARON GARBER, who has represented the Seventh District of Virginia in the Seventy-first Congress and has acquitted himself most creditably in a number of other public offices, is a resident of Harrisonburg. There for a number of years he has been successfully engaged in numerous commercial endeavors, among them wheat brokerage, operating commercial orchards, and dealing in grain and other farm products. In his home community he has been prominent in banking and in civic enterprises.

Born January 25, 1879, near Harrisonburg, Jacob A. Garber is a son of Jacob B. and Rebecca (Early) Garber. His father, a man of varied abilities, was a farmer who also taught schools in Shenandoah County. He was an official in the

Church of the Brethren at Timberville. In that community, Jacob Aaron Garber commenced his education, under the tutelage of Professor Daniel Hays. He was graduated from Bridgewater College in 1899, and thereafter attended Northern Indiana Normal School and Business College. In 1907, he completed courses at Emerson College in Boston, while concurrently serving as secretary of that institution; and he later taught at the Wells Memorial Institute in that Massachusetts city.

Mr. Garber had experience in editorial work and publishing during his undergraduate years. In 1905, he was business manager for the "History of Bridgewater College" which was published in that year; and many years later, in 1930, served on the editorial staff which engaged in compilation of a second volume relating to the early days of the school.

His career in his native locality began when, in 1908, he accepted appointment as cashier of the Farmers and Merchants Bank of Timberville. In the previous years, Mr. Garber also had teaching experience, having been a member of the faculty of Bridgewater College and of Wells Memorial Institute of Boston; principal of Prince William Academy at Brentsville, Virginia; and having taught English, oratory and dramatics in Boston for several years.

In 1935, he made his start in the wheat brokerage business, purchasing and selling wheat and corn. In 1925 he moved to Harrisonburg, where he has engaged in operating commercial orchards, and in handling grain and other farm products. His abilities as a man of practical affairs has proved no less outstanding than his gifts as an educator.

It has been in the realm of public life, however, that Mr. Garber has become most widely known. He was elected, in 1920, to membership in the Virginia House of Delegates, and served until 1922. From 1925 to 1930, he was treasurer of Rockingham County; and from 1931 to 1935 had headquarters in Richmond, Virginia, as official in the United States Internal Revenue Service. In consequence of his meritorious performance in public office, he was elected to the Seventy-first Congress from the Seventh District of Virginia. Mr. Garber was a delegate to the Republican National Convention in Chicago in 1940, on which occasion Wendell L. Willkie was nominated to the Republican presidential candidacy; and to the Philadelphia convention of 1948 which selected New York Governor Thomas E. Dewey as standard-bearer. Mr. Garber has also been an active influence in other conventions. Mr. Garber served

in the Virginia State Senate, Special Sessions of 1945 and 1946. During two world wars, he served Rockingham County through his leadership in bond drives.

Locally, Mr. Garber is identified with the Chamber of Commerce. He is a notable figure in banking, being vice-president of the Farmers and Merchants Bank at Timberville, which institution he served as cashier from 1908 to 1924. From 1924 to the present, he has been a member of the board of directors of that bank. Mr. Garber is a member and past president of the Kiwanis Club, and a member of the Ruritan Club. As an educator and alumnus, he remains vitally interested in the progress of the colleges which he has attended, and is a member of the Alumni Association of Bridgewater College, whose history he helped to compile.

Mr. Garber attends, as did his father, the Church of the Brethren at Timberville. He has taught the Wilt Bible Class for men at the First United Brethren Church, in Harrisonburg since 1935, and has been president of the Rockingham Sunday School Association for fifteen years.

On November 24, 1910, in Lunenburg County, Virginia, Jacob Aaron Garber married Lucy Winfield Hite, resident of that county and daughter of Eppa and Mary (Wilkinson) Hite. Mr. Garber's business address is 32 Graham Street, Harrisonburg. His residence is on North Main Street, extended.

ALBERT BIEDLER HELTZEL — Coming to the postmastership of Harrisonburg from a broad background of business activity and bringing to this public position the benefits of his varied experience, Albert Biedler Heltzel has rendered highly valuable service to this community as head of its postal system.

Mr. Heltzel was born July 22, 1911, in Harrisonburg, son of Charles Henry and Lura Elizabeth (Biedler) Heltzel. His father, a farmer, served for some years as superintendent of the Valley Turnpike and as superintendent of the Rockingham Alms House until his death in November, 1947.

Harrisonburg public schools provided Albert Biedler Heltzel's early formal education, and he also attended a graded school in Pleasant Valley. His first high school studies were at Dayton High School. Then he transferred to Harrisonburg High School, where he was graduated. He was employed for five years, between 1931 and 1936, by the Standard Oil Company, in one of their service stations. Afterward he was associated with the

Berry Lumber and Supply Company in Harrisonburg. Then, beginning in February, 1937, he was employed by the Alcohol and Beverage Control Board of the State of Virginia, serving as an investigator. He entered the Army in February, 1943, becoming attached to the Forty-sixth Armored Infantry Battalion of the Fifth Armored Division. He participated in the Battle of Ardennes, was with the First Army during the Battle of the Bulge, then figured in the Battle of the Rhine. Wounded in the course of duty, Mr. Heltzel was confined to an army hospital for six months, emerging from the service as a sergeant.

After resuming his civilian status, he returned to his former employment with the Beverage Control Board, acting now as an inspector. He continued that work until he came to Harrisonburg in August, 1947, as acting postmaster. On August 18, 1948, he was appointed to the position of postmaster. His forward-looking philosophy has resulted in many improvements in the postal service in this area, as well as in benefits to different civic, social and fraternal groups with which he is affiliated. In the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks he is the Inner Guard, and he is also active in the Presbyterian Church. He is a member of Kiwanis, the National Association of Postmasters, the American Legion, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Albert Biedler Heltzel married, August 25, 1937, in Newton, North Carolina, Ruth Ella Miller, daughter of Daniel L. and Lucy Miller, both of whom were born in Catawba County, North Carolina.

GEORGE STATTON ALDHIZER, II—Member of the law firm of Wharton, Aldhizer and Weaver, with offices in the First National Bank Building in Harrisonburg, Mr. Aldhizer is also identified with a number of activities beyond the limits of his profession. He heads a feed concern, holds official positions in a number of other commercial enterprises, is successful in agriculture and stock raising, and has served his district in the Virginia House of Delegates.

A Virginian by birth, Mr. Aldhizer attended public schools in the town of Broadway, where his father, Henry Hamilton Aldhizer, was a druggist, and served for many years as chairman of the school board. Henry H. Aldhizer married Sidney McNeill Pugh who, like himself, was a native of Rockingham County. He is now deceased. Upon graduating from the Broadway High School in 1923, Mr. Aldhizer entered the University of Virginia. His degree of Bachelor of Science was re-

ceived in 1930, and that of Bachelor of Laws in 1932.

Admitted to the practice of law in his native state, he established offices in Harrisonburg the same year, 1932. Two years later he became partner in the firm of Harris and Aldhizer; and from 1936 to 1942 was a member of the firm of Wharton and Aldhizer. In that year the firm assumed its present designation, Wharton, Aldhizer and Weaver, with the admission to partnership of Russell M. Weaver (q.v.).

In addition to his success in the practice of law, Mr. Aldhizer is recognized as one of Harrisonburg's business executives. He is president and director of Rocco Feeds, Inc., of Harrisonburg, and Rocco Feeds of West Virginia, Inc., at Moorefield, West Virginia. He is vice-president and director of Sellers Furniture Stores, Incorporated, of Broadway, Virginia; and secretary and director of the Rockingham Poultry Marketing Co-operative. In the field of banking, Mr. Aldhizer is a director of the First National Bank of Broadway. He is also a director of the Chesapeake Western Railway.

Mr. Aldhizer has found in agriculture a profitable avocation. He is the owner of Green Mount Farm, where he specializes in the production of purebred Angus cattle. He is vice-president and trustee of the Rockingham Library Association, and past chairman of the Rockingham County School Board.

Recently elected to the House of Delegates of the State of Virginia, representing Rockingham County and the city of Harrisonburg, he served his first session in that legislative body in 1950. Mr. Aldhizer has an excellent record of service in World War II. Enlisting in the United States Navy, he was commissioned a lieutenant, and during his period of service advanced to the rank of commander. In recognition of the high calibre of his service, he holds a citation from the Secretary of the Navy.

Fraternally, George S. Aldhizer is affiliated with the lodges of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He belongs to Phi Beta Kappa fraternity. As a veteran, he is a member of the District of Columbia Military Order of World Wars, and he belongs also to the Army and Navy Club of Washington. Locally, he is identified with the Harrisonburg Lions Club, and he is a communicant of the Broadway Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Aldhizer is unmarried. He makes his home in Broadway.

REV. CHARLES COMASKEY—As pastor of different Roman Catholic parishes in Virginia, the Rev. Charles Comaskey has come to be widely known in the Shenandoah Valley for his spiritual works. He is at the time of writing the pastor of the Harrisonburg Blessed Sacrament Church.

Father Comaskey was born August 1, 1902, in Ireland, son of Daniel and Catherine (Mulligan) Comaskey. His father was engaged in farming operations.

Irish national schools provided Father Comaskey's early formal education, and afterward he attended Granard Preparatory School, at Moyne, in County Longford, entering St. Kieran's College, in Kilkenny County, for his theological studies, and there being graduated in 1927. Soon afterward he came to America to carry on his practical work in the priesthood, settling in Petersburg, Virginia, in that same year. Two years later, in 1929, he transferred to Staunton, where he was priest at St. Francis' Church until 1931. For three years he was assistant pastor at the Church of the Sacred Heart, in Norfolk, then came to Winchester in 1934, serving there for four years as assistant pastor of Sacred Heart parish. In 1938 Father Comaskey became pastor of St. Vincent de Paul Church, in Berkeley Springs, West Virginia, where he continued his good work until 1944. He was subsequently pastor of St. John's, in Warrenton, for five years, before taking his present post at the Blessed Sacrament Church in Harrisonburg in 1949.

In every community where he has lived and worked, Father Comaskey has rendered important service to the Church and to his parishioners, and in each place he has interested himself intensely in the civic life in which those around him have been participants. While at Warrenton, he was a chaplain in the Signal Corps Auxiliary, serving in that capacity during the period of American participation in World War II. He served similarly as chaplain at Vint Hill, Virginia. Father Comaskey is a member of the Knights of Columbus.

WILLIAM BENJAMIN GATES—President and owner since 1936 of Fairfax Hall, preparatory and junior college for young ladies located near Waynesboro, William Benjamin Gates, A.B., A.M., achieved many distinctions in the educational field during the years preceding this connection. His career as educational administrator has been long and fruitful, and he came to Fairfax Hall from the presidency of Blackstone College.

Mr. Gates was born at Rose Hill in Nelson County, Virginia, August 23, 1877, and is a son of

Rev. James Edward and Pattie Pryor (Goodwin) Gates. After completing his secondary education locally, he entered Randolph-Macon College, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1899. He received the degree of Master of Arts from the same college in 1900. Mr. Gates then took graduate courses at the University of Virginia, terminating his studies there in 1902.

Selecting the educational field for his career, Mr. Gates accepted appointment to the teaching staff of the Millersburg Institute, Millersburg, Kentucky, for the academic year 1902-1903. He was thereafter, until 1907, principal of the high school at Suffolk, Virginia, and afterward held the principalship at Martinsville, Virginia, from 1907 to 1915. From 1915 to 1924, Mr. Gates was division superintendent of schools in Martinsville and Henry County.

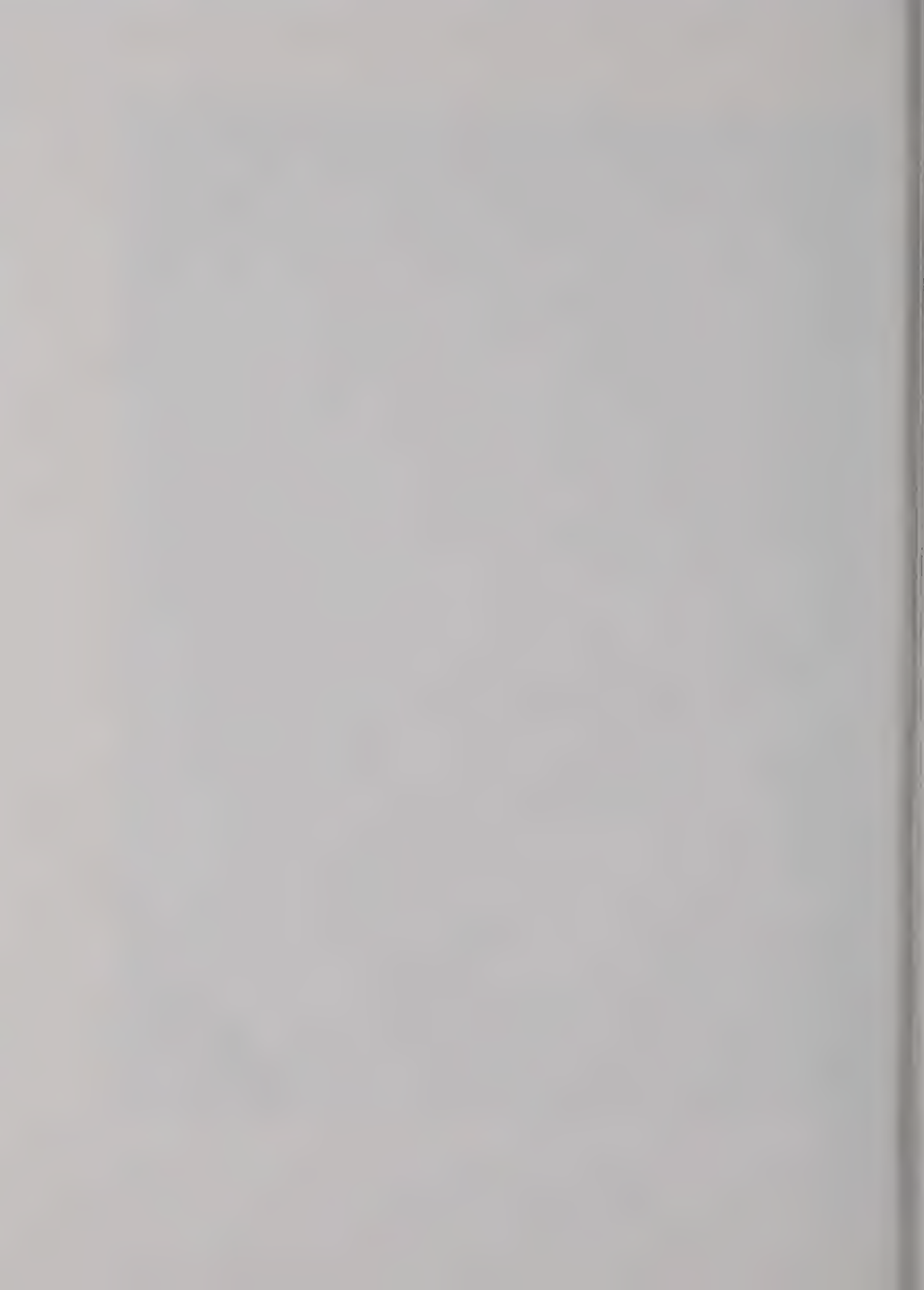
In 1924 began Mr. Gates' connection with institutions of advanced education. He was vice-president of Blackstone College from that year until 1926, when he was made its president. For a decade Mr. Gates held the chief administrative post at Blackstone, and he came to Fairfax Hall in 1936, as its president and owner.

As a school affording a superior type of preparatory and junior college education for young women, Fairfax Hall is admirably located. It is in a spot rich in natural beauty, in historical associations, and in cultural advantages. It is a non-sectarian school based on broad and vital Christian principles. Its curriculum is that of a two-year junior college course, fully accredited and leading to a diploma. It holds membership in the American Association of Junior Colleges and the Association of Virginia Colleges. In addition to well-rounded courses in the liberal arts and fine arts departments, Fairfax Hall emphasizes physical education; and healthful recreation is afforded through its facilities, which include riding rings and trails, a stable of gaited saddle horses, gymnasium and swimming pools, tennis courts, and fields for hockey and baseball. A student may also prepare herself for the fields of art, music, dramatics, and secretarial science. There is a thirty-two acre campus; and "Sunset Ranch", a one hundred and thirty-five acre area, has recently been added. Open fields, orchards, and woodland thus enhance the beauty of Fairfax Hall's natural setting.

Assisting President Gates in the offices of administration are Eura V. Strother, A.M., dean of students; William B. Gates, Jr., academic dean; and Harry L. Nash, business manager. In addition to his responsibilities as president, Mr. Gates is



W. J. Gates



also a member of the liberal arts faculty, conducting a course in psychology. There are in all fourteen able instructors in the liberal arts department, five teaching full-time in the department of fine arts, an instructor in secretarial science, and two connected with the physical education department. There are in addition ten other staff members, affording guidance and supervision to the students. This roster of well qualified personnel assures the young women a high degree of personal attention during these significant years of their education.

As president of the college, whose address is Park Station, Waynesboro, Mr. William Benjamin Gates has become an esteemed member of his community, and his leadership has been devoted in considerable measure to the worthy civic purposes of Waynesboro. During World War I he was a member and chairman of the Safety Committee in Henry County. He has also been successfully identified with business activities, as president of the Parkview Land Company and of the Early Dawn Dairy, and as member of the board of directors of the Waynesboro Bank and Trust Company. He is chairman of Waynesboro School Board.

Mr. Gates is a member of Pi Gamma Mu and Phi Kappa Sigma fraternities. He is a member of the lodge of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and of the Knights of Pythias. He is also a Rotarian. In his politics, Mr. Gates is a Democrat.

On June 17, 1903, William Benjamin Gates married Fanny Robbins Ladew, and they are the parents of five children: 1. Mrs. Fanny Goodwin Carr. 2. William Benjamin, Jr., who is academic dean of Fairfax Hall. 3. Mrs. Anna Magruder Nash. 4. Mrs. Marjorie Nelson Robertson. 5. Robbins Ladew.

WALTER MOFFETT ZIRKLE — In business and professional circles, Walter Moffett Zirkle occupies a position of leadership and high standing in the Harrisonburg community and throughout this district of Virginia. At the time of writing he has completed more than twenty years in the furniture manufacturing industry, being at present the president and general manager of The Craftsmen, Inc., makers of Virginia Craftsmen reproductions.

Mr. Zirkle was born March 26, 1896, in New Market, Virginia, son of Lewis Arthur and Gertrude (Moffett) Zirkle. His father was a lumber manufacturer.

After completing his preliminary schooling, Walter Moffett Zirkle entered Harrisonburg High School, where he was graduated in 1913. For his

higher studies he matriculated at the University of Virginia, there taking the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1918. From 1919 to 1925 he was a lumber manufacturer in southern Georgia. Then, in 1925, he became a life insurance representative with the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States, while at the same time he was acting as a part-time secretary of the Harrisonburg Chamber of Commerce. In 1929 he entered upon his present work as a furniture manufacturer, becoming president and general manager of The Craftsmen, Inc., makers of Virginia Craftsmen Reproductions.

While carrying on this work, Mr. Zirkle has interested himself in a variety of civic matters in his community. He has been a member of the Harrisonburg Board of Zoning Appeals since 1939, and is vice-chairman of the board at the time of writing. He has been a member since 1939, too, and is now chairman, of the Harrisonburg City Planning Commission. In 1918 he entered the Army for service in World War I, becoming a second lieutenant in the First Infantry Replacement Regiment at Camp Gordon, Georgia. Among his other activities, Mr. Zirkle is president of the Harrisonburg Club of the Lions' International and a director of the Virginia Manufacturers' Association. In the Free and Accepted Masons he is affiliated with Rockingham Union Lodge No. 27, Rockingham Royal Arch Chapter No. 6, Harrisonburg Commandery No. 10 of Knights Templar, and Alee Temple (Savannah) of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He belongs to the Harrisonburg Methodist Church.

Walter Moffett Zirkle married, October 20, 1926, in Louisville, Georgia, Mae Bostick, daughter of Robert Louis and Mae (Farmer) Bostick. Mr. and Mrs. Zirkle became the parents of the following children: 1. Mae Bostick, born in 1927, became the wife of M. B. Markey, Jr. 2. Walter Moffett, Jr., born in 1930, became a student at Randolph-Macon College, Ashland. 3. Natalie Bryan, born in 1932, entered Harrisonburg high school.

WILSON ALTAFFER HARTMAN—One of the most thriving firms dealing in memorials in the Shenandoah Valley is that managed by Wilson Altaffer Hartman of Harrisonburg, Virginia, who has been thus engaged since 1934. His concern, W. A. Hartman, Memorials, has its headquarters on Court Street in that city.

Son of John William and Mary Maude (Root) Hartman, Wilson A. Hartman was born in Scotts Ford, Rockingham County, Virginia, November 2,

1912. His parents were both natives of Rockingham County, where his father was engaged in farming and livestock raising. John William Hartman is now deceased. Educated in the public schools, including Sunnyside School at North River, Virginia, Wilson A. Hartman began his career as clerk at the Farm Bureau in Harrisonburg, with which he was connected from 1930 to 1934. His experience with the memorials business began with his association with C. L. Hamric of Lexington, Virginia, in the capacity of salesman.

Soon Mr. Hartman determined to enter this field in his own right, and the firm of W. A. Hartman, Memorials, is the successful outcome of this effort. It is acknowledged that Mr. Hartman possesses exceptional taste, and a thorough understanding of his work; and he has built up one of the largest businesses devoted to the production of memorials to be found in the Shenandoah Valley. He has been responsible for the design of many unusual and impressive commemorative monuments throughout the Valley.

Mr. Hartman is not a fraternalist, but he is active in the work of his religious organization, the Church of the Brethren.

At Hagerstown, Maryland, June 9, 1934, Wilson Altaffer Hartman married Mary Layman of Harrisonburg, who is a daughter of Michael A. and Fannie (Baker) Layman. Mr. and Mrs. Hartman are the parents of a daughter, June Elizabeth, born May 12, 1939.

KENTON JONES LONG, of Harrisonburg, has engaged in a variety of business interests during his career, which experience has undoubtedly been beneficial to him in the conduct of his present enterprise—an accounting firm with headquarters in the First National Bank Building, which he has headed since 1936. A citizen of well-balanced interests, Mr. Long is a constructive influence in civic organizations.

He is a native of Harrisonburg, and a son of Turner Ashby and Mattie (Jones) Long, his father likewise following the profession of accountant in Harrisonburg until his death in 1941. At one time, Turner A. Long filled the office of city treasurer. His son Kenton J. Long was born October 28, 1895, and completed his education at the Gale School in Washington, D. C.

His business career was begun unpretentiously enough as a newsboy in Washington, but he was soon engaged in office work for a grain company in his native Harrisonburg. He was later a messenger with the Adams Express Company in the

same city, then projectionist at the Virginia Theater, after which he was associated with the Southern Express Company, also in the capacity of messenger. From 1916 to 1918, Mr. Long was employed in the government post office in Washington, D. C. He was in uniform during World War I, enlisting May 25th and being honorably discharged as a private first class of the Twenty-first Company, Sixth Division, December 18, 1918. After returning to civilian life, he associated himself with a motor company in Washington, D. C. He was thereafter in charge of the stockroom for the American Railway Express Company, also in the nation's capital; and from 1921 was for two years a bookkeeper at Friddles Restaurant.

In 1926, Mr. Long went to Baltimore, where he gained still more experience in business with Blum's Department Store, there holding a position as bookkeeper for a year and a half. From 1927 to 1936, he was associated with the Brown Instrument Company of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Long returned to Harrisonburg in 1936 to join his father in the accounting firm which the elder Mr. Long had for some years conducted there. This association continued until Turner A. Long's death in 1941, since which time his son has ably directed the operations of the company.

One of Mr. Long's foremost civic activities is that of city fire chief, and in this connection he is a member of the Virginia State Fire Chiefs' Association. He is also a member of the Chamber of Commerce of Harrisonburg, and belongs to the United Commercial Travelers. His fraternal activities are extensive. He belongs to the lodges of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Loyal Order of Moose, having been secretary of the latter lodge in 1937. He attends the Presbyterian Church in Harrisonburg.

Kenton Jones Long married at York, South Carolina, July 5, 1926, Margaret Lyons, daughter of Thomas Moore and Hattie Leona Lyons. They are the parents of a daughter, Sarah Ann, born March 24, 1933, in Philadelphia. The address of the firm of T. A. Long and Company, Accountants, is the First National Bank Building in Harrisonburg.

WILLIAM MICHAEL HEATWOLE, JR. —

Once upon a time poultry raising was a sort of poor relative of the great American animal industry. Today it is big business, with new types of birds produced and large commercial hatcheries taking the place of the one man machine. William Michael Heatwole, Jr., of Harrisonburg, county

seat of Rockingham County, is one of the young men who entered the large scale hatching trade, and is on the "ground floor" in connection with the now famous Beltsville White turkeys.

Born at Hinton, Virginia, on March 16, 1919, William Michael Heatwole, Jr., is the son of William Michael and Katie Frances (Brunk) Heatwole, both natives of Rockingham County. His father, who died in 1949, was a farmer and poultryman, and the son, after completing his formal education by graduation from the Eastern Mennonite School, in 1936, started in the same line of business. He first worked for the Wampler Feed and Seed Company for a few months, and then became associated with his father's poultry place near Harrisonburg—the Tom Baron Leghorn Farm.

Two years after leaving school, Mr. Heatwole, Jr., launched his own enterprise in Harrisonburg, a commercial hatchery. Starting with a capacity of thirty-six thousand eggs, he developed it to a capacity of seven hundred twenty-two thousand, and branched into the hatching of turkey eggs, in this field being the outstanding leader in the State of Virginia. The commercial set-up includes the "Heatwole Hatchery, Inc.," at East Rock Street, Harrisonburg, and the "Heatwole Hatchery, Inc.," in Linville. At the latter plant the specialty is the hatching of turkey eggs, and as indicated, it does more trade than any other similar concern in the State.

Mr. Heatwole, Jr., is nothing if not modern. He does not confine his production to the old breeds of chickens, but specializes in New Hampshires and "Rock-Red" crosses (Barred Rocks and New Hampshires). In turkeys he is interested in the broad-breasted Bronze variety, and that much publicized and popular beyond any anticipation, the Beltsville Whites that are bred to make a smaller, plump turkey for wider markets and public requirements. As regards incubators, he has progressed from the once popular hot water type to the up-to-the-minute electric machine. In Harrisonburg he engages in several civic activities, and is a member of the city Chamber of Commerce and the Lions Club. He attends the Methodist Episcopal Church.

At Sugar Grove, West Virginia, on December 25, 1943, William Michael Heatwole, Jr., married Mary Florence Bowers, daughter of Roy and Irma (Hoover) Bowers, of this place. Mr. and Mrs. Heatwole, Jr., are the parents of a daughter: Linda Bowers, born at Harrisonburg, Virginia, May 21, 1947.

ROBERT YOST FRAZIER—In many different capacities as an engineer, Robert Yost Frazier has served American industry, centering his activities in Harrisonburg and this region of Virginia. He is widely known as founder of the Frazier quarry.

Mr. Frazier was born May 21, 1916, in Martin's Ferry, Ohio, son of Frank Henderson and Clara (Yost) Frazier. His father is a civil and mining engineer and surveyor, whose practice is centered at St. Clairsville, Ohio, where he at one time headed the local Rotary Club as its president. He is a member of the Board of Education, an Elder in the Presbyterian Church, and a member of the Free and Accepted Masons.

Robert Yost Frazier attended public schools at St. Clairsville, Ohio, where he was graduated from high school. He then entered Ohio State University, in Columbus, Ohio, where he was graduated in 1937 as a Bachelor of Civil Engineering. Beginning in that year, he was employed by the State Highway Department's testing laboratory. But in the following year he became associated with the Allied Chemical and Dye Corporation, being assigned to the hot mix plant in the Barrett Division, situated in Harrisonburg, Virginia. Subsequently he was transferred to the New York office of the company as a junior executive, continuing in the company's home offices there until he began his service in World War II.

Entering the navy in 1941, Mr. Frazier was a midshipman at the outset. Inducted in New York and receiving his first training there, he was later sent to Cornell University for special training in diesel engineering, then was transferred to the Bureau of Naval Personnel in Washington, D. C. In the Education Division of the navy there, he wrote a textbook on diesel engineering and supervised the establishment of Diesel training schools. In June, 1943, he volunteered for submarine duty and was ordered to Kittery, Maine, aboard a submarine. There he had his preliminary submarine training, after which he served as an engineer officer under the Atlantic Submarine Force command. He had his advanced submarine training at New London, Connecticut, receiving orders for Pacific duty with the submarine force. He served as engineering officer on the U.S.S. "Shad," and made numerous patrols along the China coast and in Korean waters, continuing until V-J Day. He was separated from the navy at New Orleans, Louisiana, in October, 1945, as a lieutenant, senior grade.

After resuming his civilian status, Mr. Frazier came to Harrisonburg and founded the Frazier

quarry, which has become one of the principal suppliers of concrete and highway aggregates in this section. In line with his engineering training, Mr. Frazier is registered and licensed as a civil engineer in Ohio. He is a member of the Theta Tau engineering fraternity, and belongs to the Rotary Club, the Bridgewater Ruritan Club and the Presbyterian Church in Harrisonburg.

Robert Yost Frazier married, September 5, 1942, at the Presbyterian Church in Harrisonburg, Virginia, Linda Evelyn Bibb Betts, daughter of Fred Keeler Betts, Jr., and Linda Evelyn (Bibb) Betts.

JOSEPH KIEFFER RUEBUSH—As head of the Joseph K. Ruebush Company, of Harrisonburg, formerly of Dayton, Virginia, Joseph Kieffer Ruebush is leader in a significant publishing enterprise as well as being a recognized and successful dealer in rare books. Mr. Ruebush is also identified with a music publishing house, the Ruebush-Kieffer Company. He has taken a vital interest in such community organizations of cultural purpose as the Rockingham County Library and the Rockingham County Historical Society.

Born in Dayton, Virginia, October 26, 1878, Joseph Kieffer Ruebush is a son of Ephraim and Lucilla Virginia (Kieffer) Ruebush. His paternal grandfather was John Ruebush, who was born in York County, Pennsylvania, August 8, 1782, and was the founder of this family in Virginia.

His son Ephraim Ruebush, father of Joseph Kieffer Ruebush, was born in Augusta County, Virginia, September 26, 1833. He was naturally gifted in music, and devoted many years of his life to teaching vocal music. Before the War Between the States, he was associated with Joseph Funk and Sons in publishing music books at Singers Glen. After the war, Ephraim Ruebush and his brother-in-law, Aldine S. Kieffer, entered the music publishing business. In 1878 they moved their plant to Dayton, Virginia, and subsequently organized the stock company which bears their names—the Ruebush-Kieffer Company. Ephraim Ruebush continued active in this business until he retired at an advanced age. His death occurred November 18, 1924.

Ephraim Ruebush married Lucilla Virginia Kieffer, who was born July 23, 1843, and died July 23, 1919. While her brother, Aldine S. Kieffer, was distinguished as a poet and song writer, many other members of her family have possessed unusual talents. The Kieffer family were of French Huguenot ancestry, but came to America from

Germany. One of them, Abraham Kieffer, Jr., was a captain in the Revolutionary War. Mrs. Ephraim Ruebush was a daughter of John and Mary (Funk) Kieffer, John Kieffer being a son of George and Catherine (Armentrout) Kieffer. George Kieffer was a son of Abraham Kieffer, Jr. Mary Funk was a daughter of Joseph and Rachael (Britton) Funk. Joseph Funk, who was born in Berks County, Pennsylvania, April 6, 1778, and died December 24, 1862, at Singers Glen, Rockingham County, Virginia, has been called "The Father of Song in Northern Virginia." His book, "Choral Music", which was published in 1816 at Harrisonburg, was one of the first music books published in the South. Joseph Funk for many years continued to write and publish books of religious music, and his is one of the distinguished names that enrich the traditions of the Ruebush-Kieffer Company at Dayton, as well as identifying him as one of the cultural pioneers of the state.

Joseph Kieffer Ruebush received his education in Shenandoah College at Dayton, and at the Ohio State University, Columbus. At the age of twenty-one, he became manager of the printing plant of the Ruebush-Kieffer Company. The publishing business has not been confined to musical and religious publications. It published the "Rockingham Outlook," a weekly newspaper of which Mr. Ruebush was for a time editor. For almost forty years, it published "The Musical Million", a musical journal, of which Mr. Ruebush was for a time literary editor.

An earlier history of the state refers to the Ruebush-Kieffer publishing enterprise as "one of the oldest publishing institutions of its kind in the South and one which has done more perhaps than anything else to identify the locality of Dayton, Virginia, in the minds of the people outside the Valley of Virginia". Mr. Ruebush was founder and promoter of the Joseph K. Ruebush Company. As its head, he has published a number of historical works of merit. For some years, Mr. Ruebush has been a dealer in rare and out-of-print books on American and local history, particularly Virginiana. He is one of the best informed men in the state, on the subject of the values of rare and out-of-print books relating to Virginia and West Virginia. Until 1937 he carried on his business at Dayton; since then his residence and place of business have been at 236 Franklin Street, Harrisonburg, Virginia.

After World War I, Mr. Ruebush was appointed by the governor as chairman of the Rockingham County War History Commission, unit of the State of Virginia commission. A man whose busi-

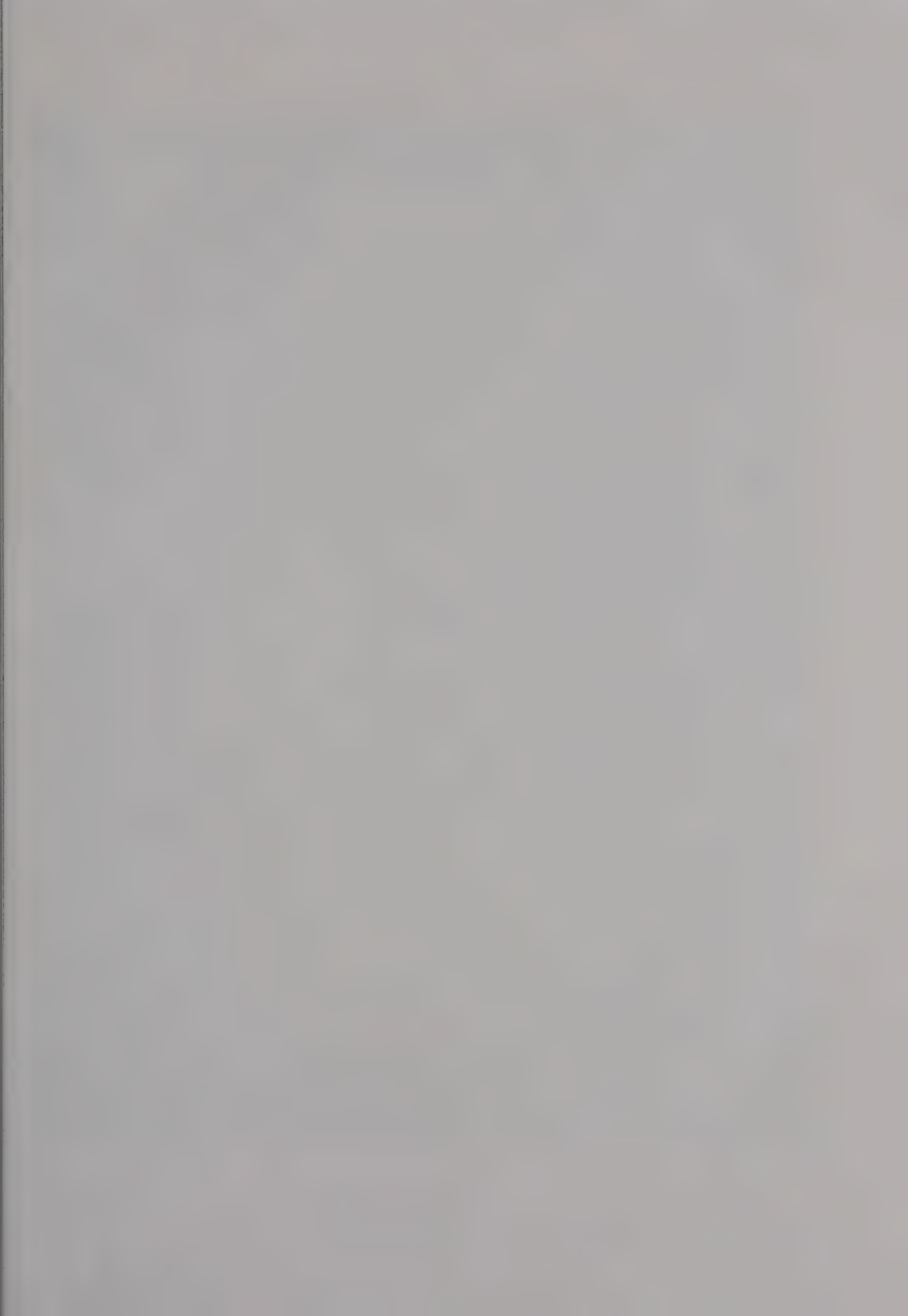


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CRIMORA F. (WITHROW) CALDWELL







Hettie M. Caldwell

ness judgment is highly valued, he was for twenty years a director of the Bank of Dayton. He is one of the original trustees of the Rockingham County Library, and was elected first president of the Rockingham County Historical Society on April 22, 1944. His influence has been great in the development of the cultural life of his community. Mr. Ruebush is also a member of the Virginia Historical Society.

On December 29, 1908, at Harrisonburg, Joseph Kieffer Ruebush married Nancy Byrd Rhodes, daughter of J. B. D. and Emma (Sipe) Rhodes. Mrs. Ruebush was born at Sparta (later Mauzy), Virginia, May 10, 1881. Her parents were both natives of Rockingham County. She was educated in public schools in Virginia, and received the Bachelor of Philosophy degree and Master of Arts degree from Elon College, a Christian Church school in North Carolina. She was also awarded the Master's degree by the University of Virginia in 1926, and subsequently studied in Oxford University in England. For a number of years Mrs. Ruebush was head of the English department in Shenandoah College and for seventeen years was Associate Professor of English in Madison College, Harrisonburg, Virginia. She has served as state secretary of the Christian Endeavor Union for six years, for many years was a prominent leader in Virginia in the Women's Christian Temperance Union movement, is an active member of Turner Ashby Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, and a charter member of the Harrisonburg Branch of American Association of University Women. She has also been secretary to and one of the trustees of the Rockingham County Public Library.

MISS NETTIE M. CALDWELL, who has shown a vital interest in the social and religious affairs of her community, Waynesboro, is a member of a family who have long lived with honor and distinction in the Shenandoah Valley area. The story of her life is more relevant when added to a summary of their achievements, for her endeavors, no less than theirs, have been directed toward constructive causes, and the upbuilding of the community.

She was born in Waynesboro, daughter of William Morton and Crimora Frances (Withrow) Caldwell. From the family records taken from the old Bible once in the possession of William Morton Caldwell, we learn much concerning the early history of the Caldwell family, both on these shores and in Ireland where the family originated.

This record traces the family from one William Caldwell, who in his native Ireland married Nancy Gordon. Their son, Hugh, was born in Ballimany County, Ireland, in 1756, and emigrated to America about 1774. His son was Rev. Thomas Caldwell, who followed his father's footsteps in choosing the ministry as his career. He was born in Franklin County, Pennsylvania, June 3, 1790, and married, on April 4, 1825, Anne Robinson White, daughter of Joseph and Anne White, who was born in Brownsburg, Rockbridge County, Virginia, September 11, 1804. Her father, Joseph White, was born in Ireland as were the Caldwells' ancestors, and had settled in America in the Eighteenth Century. He married Anne Robinson Johnston, daughter of Zachariah Johnston.

On the occasion of the marriage of Anne Robinson White to Rev. Thomas Caldwell, an old letter records that "as much meat has been killed as for a barbecue". The bride's family had been noted for many years for their work in the church, and her grandfather, Zachariah Johnston, had been a member of the First Constitutional Convention of Virginia, which met in Trinity Church in Staunton, Virginia.

Rev. Thomas Caldwell died in Hopkinsville, Kentucky, where he had occupied a pulpit for many years. He and his wife were the parents of three children: 1. Joseph White, born in Rockbridge County, May 15, 1826. He married Ellen Kent, and they had four sons, Thomas, Joseph, Robert and Hugh, and four daughters, Lizzie, Annie, Nellie and Amy. 2. William Morton, father of Miss Nettie Caldwell. He was born in Hopkinsville, Kentucky, and came to Waynesboro in the early 1850s. The date of his birth was December 4, 1828. On first arriving in Waynesboro, he clerked in Withrow's store. He married Crimora Frances, or Fanny, Withrow, and their children, in addition to Nettie Caldwell, were a son, Maury, and another daughter, Annie. The present lovely old home of Miss Nettie Caldwell was built in 1826 by Dr. A. Wayte, and the Withrow family bought it in 1852, so it has been in the family for nearly a century. 3. John Henry, who was born in Hopkinsville, Kentucky, January 11, 1831. He married Virginia Graves, and they became the parents of four children: i. William White, who died in infancy. ii. Manley Morrison, of Roanoke, Virginia. iii. Charles Morton, who resides in Florida. iv. Mamie, deceased. Of these children, Manley Morrison married Willie Walker, and had two sons and two daughters. Charles Morton married Nannie Patton, and they had one

son, Manley Patton, married to Mary Jo Stewart and the father of a son, Manley Patton Caldwell, Jr.

Of the children of William Morton Caldwell, Miss Nettie is the only one who survives.

An interesting family story centers on Rev. Thomas Caldwell and his two brothers. Of these, one, Rev. Alexander, went as a missionary to the Indians in the Middle West, in the days when that territory was truly wilderness. The other brother was James, who at various times lived in Cincinnati and Chicago, and whose descendants are still in those northern cities, where they have succeeded as printers and publishers. Miss Caldwell relates of having heard that "after the war", members of these other branches of the family, living in the North and West, were concerned for their impoverished Southern kinsmen, and wrote offering financial assistance; but "Uncle Will", unreconciled because of the confiscation of some \$50,000 worth of cotton which he had shipped to the Northern market before Virginia had seceded, refused the offers in not too polite terms. The Caldwell family has been characterized by pride and independence. It has been said of them: "They have been men, and have lived long in this land with honor." They have not been deficient in the combative spirit. A famous Revolutionary character was one James Caldwell, who was known as the "soldier parson." He was a graduate of Princeton in the class of 1759, and seems to have been quite active in stirring up anti-British feeling. His wife was shot during a British attack on his house while he was on duty with Washington's army in Norristown.

Miss Caldwell has every reason to be proud of the history of her family. She has, during these days of more static and secure life, done her bit to live up to their traditions. She has been a member of a number of historical societies, and has participated vigorously in every program for the benefit of her community and her church. Although now entered upon the ninth decade of her life, she continues to bring her undiminished faculties to bear upon the life of the community about her. She is a member of the United Daughters of the Confederacy and the Garden Club, and is active in the work of the Presbyterian Church. She continues to reside on Main Street of Waynesboro, the town where she was born.

LINDEN NEESE SPITZER, D.D.S. — Since 1929 Linden Neese Spitzer has practiced dentistry in Harrisonburg. Bringing excellent training to

the practice of his profession, Dr. Spitzer has served his community well, and identified himself prominently with dental societies. He has lately distinguished himself in public life, having served as member of the city council and being a candidate for the House of Delegates.

Dr. Spitzer is a native of Macanie, Virginia, which is located in Shenandoah County. He was born May 17, 1904, son of Charles Marion and Dora Edith (Coffman) Spitzer. His father was a farmer near Mount Jackson, and he also served his community as merchant. Dr. Spitzer received his early education in the public schools of Front Royal and Mount Jackson High School. In 1922, he entered Shenandoah College and graduated from the high school department in 1923. The following year he completed the junior college courses. During the summer of 1924 he took courses at the University of Virginia, and in September of 1924 entered Otterbein University, Westerville, Ohio. For his professional studies, Dr. Spitzer attended the University of Maryland, from which he received the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery in 1929. He has taken post-graduate work in New York City at the John Jacob Posner School, and at Ohio State University.

Dr. Spitzer started practice in New Market in 1929, and after six months in that location, he removed to Harrisonburg, where he has remained ever since. He has succeeded well in practice, and built up a considerable clientele. He is a member of the Shenandoah Valley Dental Society, the Virginia State Dental Society, the American Dental Association, the American Denture Society, and the American Society of Dentistry for Children, and he is also an associate member of the Chicago Dental Society. His fraternal connections have been many. He has been a member of the lodges of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Modern Woodmen, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, and United Commercial Travelers. He is a past member of the Rotary Club of Harrisonburg. Dr. Spitzer's church is the Evangelical United Brethren of Harrisonburg.

In 1946, Dr. Spitzer was first elected a member of the city council. He has served on that body since. He became the Republican candidate to represent his district in the Virginia House of Delegates in 1949. Vitally interested in the cause of good education, Dr. Spitzer is a member of the board of trustees of Shenandoah College, and of the Shenandoah Conservatory of Music in Dayton, Virginia. He served his country during World War II as selective service examiner.

In Baltimore, Maryland, November 16, 1929, Dr. Linden Neese Spitzer married Phoebe Louise Ward, daughter of Dederick Conrad Weaver and Phoebe Catherine (Kleinfelter) Ward. Dr. and Mrs. Spitzer are the parents of two children: 1. Phoebe Louise, who was born July 9, 1931. She is now attending Madison College. 2. Linden Neese, Jr., born November 18, 1934, now attending Fort Union Military Academy. The family resides at 821 South Main, and Dr. Spitzer's offices are in the First National Bank Building in Harrisonburg.

JAMES LOUIS ARMENTROUT—A successful merchant in Elkton until his retirement to a farm property overlooking the Shenandoah River, James Louis Armentrout is now engaged in overseeing his farm property, on which Mrs. Armentrout operates what is known as "Shenandale Lodge", near Elkton.

Mr. Armentrout was born September 17, 1885, near Lacey Springs, Virginia, son of Benjamin Franklin and Mary Jane (Hinton) Armentrout. His father was a farmer in Rockingham County where he was one of the largest land owners. His property was situated on Smith's Creek, near Lacey Springs.

Rockingham County public schools provided James Louis Armentrout's early education. Afterward he became a merchant in Elkton, so continuing until his retirement in 1912. Since that time he has managed his own farms along the Shenandoah River. He is active in Democratic affairs. He is a member of the Elkton Methodist Church.

A large farm house on the Armentrout property near Elkton is the home of "Shenandale Lodge" and its activities. Mrs. Armentrout opened this farm house to guests at the time the Skyline Drive was being built. It is beautifully situated one and one-quarter miles from Elkton, with accommodations for fifty persons in the home itself and neighboring cottages. It is highly popular for providing parties, and is ideally situated to provide fishing, horseback riding, tennis and all rural sports. Mrs. Armentrout specializes in southern cooking and home farm products. Her husband raises his own stock, both cattle and sheep. Mr. and Mrs. Armentrout were married on October 16, 1912, in Elkton, Virginia. Before her marriage she was Beulah Offenbacher, a native of Elkton, daughter of Benjamin Franklin and Fanny Ella (Leap) Offenbacher. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Maryleia Van Pelt, born September 1, 1913, became the wife of Gregory Bird of Luray,

and they have two children, Ellen Marie and Gregory, Jr. 2. Jean Pearson, born July 16, 1915, became the wife of Chancellor Lough. 3. Eleanor Leap, born August 6, 1916, the wife of William X. Linney, of Albany, New York, and they have two children, Mary Katherine and William X., Jr. 4. James Louis, Jr., born June 23, 1918, in Elkton; married Helen Frazier of Harrisonburg, Virginia, and they have two children, Anna Lou and James Louis, 3rd.

G. TYLER MILLER—When in September, 1949, G. Tyler Miller became president of Madison College in Harrisonburg, he already had behind him a distinguished career as educator. He had filled a series of school superintendencies, culminating in his position as State Superintendent of Public Instruction. In view of his varied educational background and his proven competence as administrator, his selection as president has been looked upon as a fortunate one.

A native of Washington, Rappahannock County, George Tyler Miller is a son of John James and Evelyn May (Tyler) Miller. His father was a farmer and orchardist in that county, whose name was well known in public life. He was, for more than a quarter of a century, a member of the board of supervisors of Rappahannock County, and also represented his district in the House of Delegates, Virginia General Assembly, that district comprising Page and Rappahannock Counties. He retained his seat in the House of Delegates for one term; and for two terms he was a member of the Senate, General Assembly of Virginia, representing Orange, Culpeper and Madison Counties.

Born July 25, 1902, G. Tyler Miller attended the public elementary and high schools of his county, and graduated from Washington High School in 1918. He then entered Randolph-Macon Academy at Front Royal, which he attended during the scholastic year 1918-1919, and while there received the highest scholastic honor awarded by the school. He attended Virginia Military Institute from 1919 to 1923, and after graduation with the degree of Bachelor of Science he pursued graduate studies in the field of education at the University of Virginia. Mr. Miller's work at Virginia Military Institute was in the field of electrical engineering, but he has since devoted himself to the educational field.

After completion of his studies at Virginia Military Institute, he returned to his native town of Washington, where he joined the faculty of the Washington High School as teacher and assistant

principal. The next year, 1924, Mr. Miller became principal of the school, and he remained there in that capacity for one year. From July, 1925, until June, 1926, he successfully engaged in the real estate business at Okeechobee and Miami, Florida; and returning to Washington in June, 1926, he there engaged in farming and conducted a general insurance business, in which pursuits he engaged until March 30, 1928.

This concluded Mr. Miller's sabbatical from educational pursuits, as on April 1, 1928, he began his duties as division superintendent of schools in Warren and Rappahannock Counties, making his headquarters at Front Royal. This position he held for seventeen years, and during that period identified himself as one of his state's most able educational administrators. It was a season of rich accomplishment for the region under his purview, and marked the establishment, in Warren County, of one of the most complete high schools in the state, that at Front Royal.

Mr. Miller next accepted appointment as superintendent of the city schools of Charlottesville, Virginia, which position he held from July 1, 1945, to June 15, 1946. On June 16, he took office as State Superintendent of Public Instruction, on appointment of Governor Tuck, to succeed Dr. Dabney S. Lancaster. In the state superintendency he proved himself a progressive and forward-looking educator, some of his constructive plans being set forth in a bulletin, "A Comprehensive Program of Virginia's Public Schools". He reorganized the State Department of Education for more functional and efficient operation. He established a superintendents' advisory council. He was unrelentingly active in his endeavors to improve Virginia's public school system.

On August 30, 1949, Mr. Miller terminated his tenure as state superintendent, and the next day his appointment as president of Madison College in Harrisonburg became effective.

Mr. Miller has filled other offices of importance in the field of education. He was appointed by the Governor of Virginia as a member of the Regional Council for Southern Education in 1948, and the next year was appointed to the Board of Control for Southern Regional Education. Also on appointment by the Governor, he has, in his capacity of State Superintendent of Public Instruction, been a member of the Virginia Library Board, the Virginia Retirement System, the Virginia State Planning Board, and the Advisory Standardization Board, as well as an ex-officio member of the Advisory Council on the Virginia Economy.

His record with the Virginia Education Association has also been notable. From the time of its formation during 1941-1942, he has been a member of its policies commission, and has been for several years a member of its legislative committee. On January 1, 1943, he became president of the association's District H, and in that capacity was vice-president and a member of the board of directors of the state organization. Mr. Miller was elected president of the Virginia Education Association for the 1945-1946 biennium. Other educators' groups of which he is a member are the National Council of Chief State School Officers and the American Association of School Administrators. He belongs to Phi Delta Kappa honorary educational fraternity.

Mr. Miller is a member of the Rotary Club in Harrisonburg, and was president of the Front Royal Rotary Club during 1925-1926. He also held the office of president of the Front Royal Recreation Center from 1938 to 1942, and from 1941 through June 30, 1945, he was director-coordinator of the Office of Civilian Defense for Front Royal and Warren County. He is a communicant of the Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Harrisonburg, and has held membership on the Diocesan Board of Christian Education.

G. Tyler Miller has been twice married. He married, first, at Front Royal, Virginia, May 7, 1929, Katheryn Gray Weaver, daughter of William C., Jr., and Mary (Jackson) Weaver. They became the parents of two children: 1. George Tyler, Jr., born November 18, 1931. 2. William Weaver, born September 1, 1933. Mr. Miller married, second, Elise Reaguer, at Silver Springs, Maryland, on July 25, 1942. They are the parents of a daughter: 3. Elise Browning, who was born June 28, 1948.

HOWARD SAMUEL HENSLEY — Operating the Hensley Sales and Service organization in Elkton, Howard Samuel Hensley has the local agency for the Chevrolet car. He has been highly successful in serving a wide Virginia area, his Chevrolet business bringing in gross receipts of more than \$500,000 yearly. He has won many prizes for sales and advertising achievement, as well as for his accomplishments as a sportsman. In particular, his horse, "Midnight Buddy," has been a winner at many shows and events.

Mr. Hensley was born February 17, 1902, at the foot of the Blue Ridge Mountains, east of Elkton, Virginia, son of Franklin P. and Virginia A. (Wyant) Hensley. His father was a farmer in

Rockingham County until the close of his life. Both parents were of Rockingham County families.

Howard Samuel Hensley attended the Oak Hill School, in McGayville, and was graduated from McGayville High School in 1921. He was afterward a student at Madison College, completing his course there and obtaining his teachers certificate. From the age of six years he had been employed gainfully, working for his board and clothing. In 1922 he started teaching at the East Point school, then continued at Pine Knot, in Rockingham County, until 1929. In 1929 and 1930 he operated a filling station in Elkton, so continuing until he entered the automobile business in 1930 as a salesman of used cars with Simms, Weaver and Company, in Standardville, Virginia.

In May, 1930, he became a Ford Dealer in Elkton, Virginia, and started operations with only \$135 to his name, and for the first six months performed all his own service work on cars. At the same time, during his initial business year, he made a notable sales record, disposing of forty cars.

In 1934 Mr. Hensley took the Chevrolet agency. With the Chevrolet he achieved similar distinction. At the very outset he created sales records. From 1935 to 1939 he was an annual winner of sales competitions, his victories bringing him three trips to World's Series baseball games—one in Chicago and two in New York. His business continued to thrive and prosper. His big year was 1941. The No. 5 Chevrolet district, embracing Winchester, Harrisonburg, Front Royal and Warrenton, was second in sales, winning over all dealers in sales volume except Fredericksburg in that year. His son, Welty Hinkle Hensley, returning from wartime service, entered the business in 1945, after which he was able to serve as general manager of the establishment during his father's absences. This collaboration provided the possibility for expansion that the business had needed, and in 1946 the company purchased its present building in Spottswood Avenue, including three adjoining lots and five additional lots nearby. The Hensleys completely remodeled and modernized their building and facilities at that time at a cost of \$30,000, and proceeded to build up the business further.

It is characteristic of Howard Samuel Hensley that he has, in all things, adopted modern and progressive methods. He was an early advocate and practitioner of original advertising and selling procedures. He has made a practice of training his own employes in the methods that he has

devised, utilizing every up-to-date facility, such as motion pictures, for this purpose. In 1949 the Chevrolet Division of General Motors awarded Mr. Hensley first place for the originality and success of his announcement of the new 1949 model and his unusual sales promotion program. Mr. Hensley takes the deepest interest in the automobile business generally, serving as a director of the Chevrolet Dealers' Planning Board in the fifth district. He was president of the Rockingham County Automobile Dealers' Association in 1949.

At the same time he is interested in civic and community affairs. He belongs to the Rockingham Chamber of Commerce and the Elkton-Shenandoah Rotary Club, is a director of the Shenandoah Valley, Inc., organization, and is a member of the Walking Horse Breeders' Association (Lewisburg, Tennessee). From 1934 to 1948, he served on the Elkton Town Council, resigning at the end of that period.

In addition to his other interests, Mr. Hensley owns "Trail's End Dairy Farm," in Keezletown, a property of 739 acres. Cattle graze over 125 of these acres, which have been cleared. Mr. Hensley keeps twenty-five head of milk cows and twenty-five young stock heifers. He has eleven pedigree Tennessee walking horses, which he exhibits in Virginia and adjoining states. His horses number fourteen in all. He began exhibiting them in 1946. Buying the famous stallion, "Midnight Buddy," he won first prize with that horse at High Point, North Carolina. In 1946 his horses took seventy ribbons; in 1948, eighty; and in 1949, 100 ribbons. He is the proud possessor of other trophies which mark his prowess and knowledge as a sportsman.

His sales of cars seem in no way lessened, but only increased, by virtue of the fact that on the walls of his offices he exhibits, not automobiles, but pictures of his winning horses. The many colored ribbons above the photograph of "Midnight Buddy" are particularly impressive. Another horse, a roan stallion named "Rhett Allen," also owned by Mr. Hensley, defeated his own "Midnight Buddy" in competition at the Portsmouth Junior Chamber of Commerce horse show in 1948, walking off with the rating of champion in the Tennessee Walking Horse class. Second honors went to "Midnight Buddy." Again, at Somerset, Virginia, "Rhett Allen" was chosen first and awarded a blue ribbon, leaving the red ribbon of second best for "Midnight Buddy." Despite the standing of "Rhett Allen" in the eyes of pro-

fessional judges, "Midnight Buddy" proved more spectacular to photographers, with the result that he was pictured far and wide in newspapers and magazines. In 1947 Mr. Hensley went to Tennessee and purchased nine Tennessee Walking Horses from the best breeding farms of that state. He came back with two stallions and six brood mares, as well as a five-year-old gelding, "Mountain Slasher." For breeding purposes, Mr. Hensley operates his 739-acre farm north of Keezletown, keeping six mares and the gelding, while the two stallions reside mostly in a stable in Elkton. These two stallions have won many ribbons, other winners being "Mountain Slasher" and two of the mares, "Broadway Virginia" and "Jacquelin Hall Jean." Most of his victories have been in the Tennessee Walking Horse class, although "Midnight Buddy" has captured two blues in the open pleasure class at High Point and Burlington, North Carolina, respectively. He won red ribbons at Waynesboro, Portsmouth and Somerset. In 1949 he was awarded the National Championship tri-color walking horse ribbon for being the most popular exhibitor. He also won the eighth place ribbon against the field of sixty entries of some of the best horses in middle Tennessee. The spectacular part of this is the fact that the honor was won by Mr. Hensley riding his two-year old white mare "Aces Cotton Queen." This class was owners amateur, with all-age horses entered.

Howard Samuel Hensley married, June 14, 1923, in Frederick, Maryland, Nellie Frances Hinkle, daughter of J. W. and Elizabeth (Cline) Hinkle, both of Rockingham County. They became the parents of a son, Welty Hinkle Hensley, who was born June 6, 1925, studied at Bridgewater College and Madison College, had three years of service during World War II, then entered his father's business, as indicated above. His wartime service was as an instructor in blind flying at Pensacola (Florida), Atlanta (Georgia) and Olathe (Kansas). He was a cadet for a year at Pensacola, then was stationed at Wooster (Ohio), Edmund (Oklahoma), Athens (Georgia) and elsewhere. He is now vice-commander of the Elkton Post of the American Legion, as well as secretary of the Elkton Fire Department.

CHARLES WALLINGS DEVIER, O.D., who has practiced optometry in Harrisonburg since 1920, is recognized by his colleagues and the public alike to be one of the leaders in his chosen profession throughout the Shenandoah Valley. Dr.

Devier has long been on the executive committee of the State Association of Optometrists, has held the highest offices in that organization, and has also distinguished himself in civic life, being an active figure in clubs and lodges, and particularly in the musical life of Harrisonburg.

A son of De Witt Clinton and Ida Florence (Bell) Devier, Dr. Devier was born in Harrisonburg on September 4, 1896. His father was a jeweler in that city, and served for some years as a member of the city council. He was also a man of civic conscience, who was active in connection with the Shenandoah Camp for Boys. He died on April 17, 1924. Both parents were natives of Rockingham County.

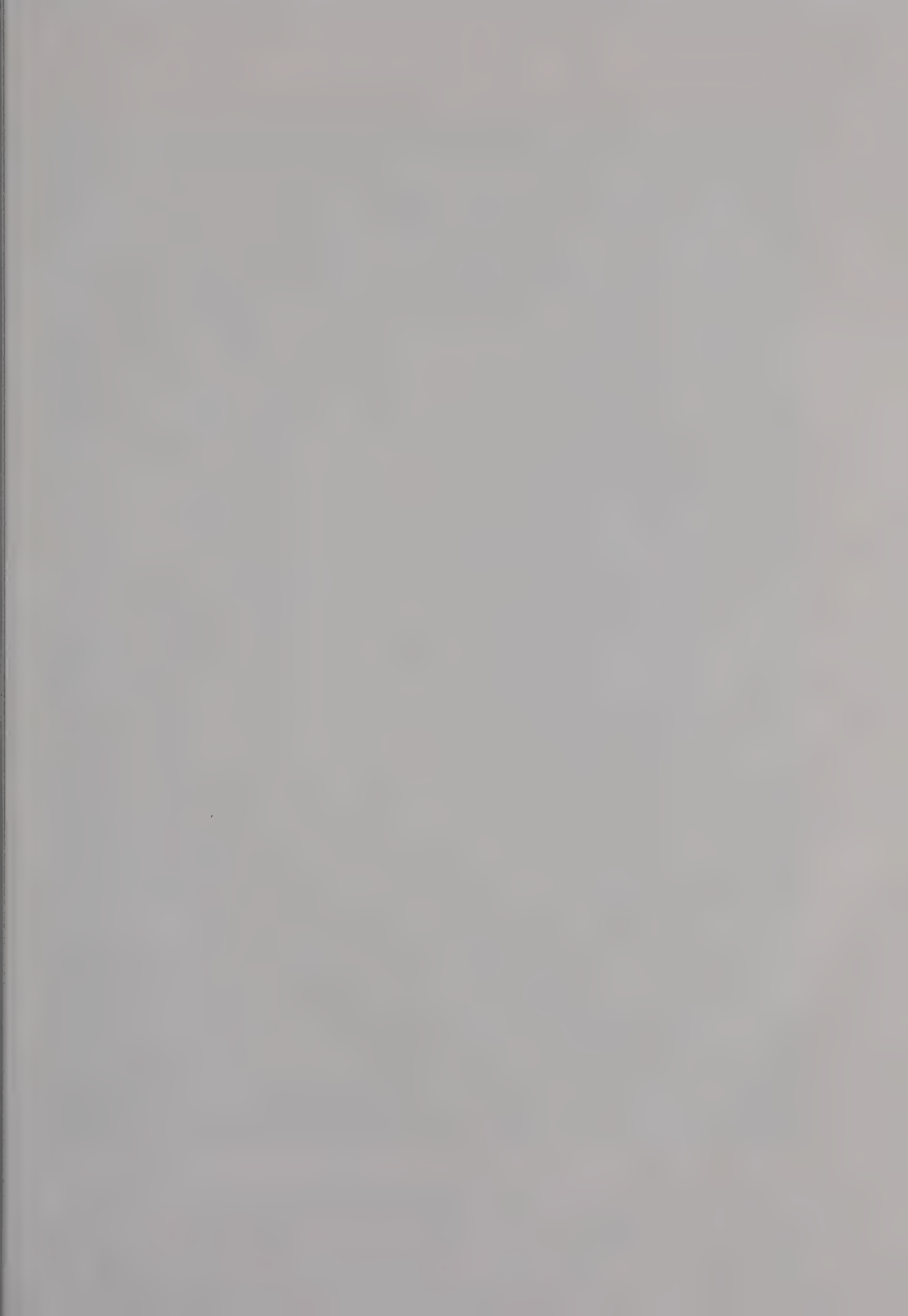
Dr. Devier received his early education in the public schools of Harrisonburg, graduating from high school there in 1915. He then entered the Northern Illinois College of Ophthalmology, from which he was graduated in 1919.

Passing the examination given by the state board in his home state, Dr. Devier started the next year to practice in Harrisonburg. He has continued his practice there since, maintaining his offices in the National Bank Building. Long a member of the State Association of Optometrists, Dr. Devier served as chairman of its executive committee in 1938, as vice-president in 1939, and as president from 1940 to 1941. He continues as a member of the executive committee of the state association.

In his own community, Dr. Devier has been active in organizing and directing the Harrisonburg Municipal Band. He is a member of the Kiwanis Club, and is fraternally affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Blue Lodge, and the Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons. Dr. Devier's church is the Methodist.

On February 18, 1922, in Baltimore, Maryland, Dr. Charles Wallings Devier married Helen Margaret Miller of that city, daughter of Christopher and Ella Maude (Duvall) Miller. Dr. and Mrs. Devier are the parents of three children: 1. Charles Wallings, Jr., born June 30, 1924. 2. Clint Miller, born April 12, 1926. 3. Christopher Duvall, born July 2, 1936.

JUSTIN WAYNE DOVE—Conducting his own poultry farms, Justin Wayne Dove has two farm properties at Broadway and a third at Criders. He has installed the most up-to-the-minute equipment, and carries on his work on a large and growing scale.





James S Dailey

Mr. Dove was born November 3, 1921, in Pendleton County, West Virginia, son of Loy Webster and Ida Blanche (Thomas) Dove, both of that same county. His father was a farmer there.

Schools of that community provided Justin Wayne Dove's early formal education, and he began raising poultry and farming at an early age. In 1939 he went into business for himself. Prior to that year he was engaged in similar activities on his father's farm, gaining thereby a full knowledge of the techniques involved. He was also a partner in a store in Mayland. On Mr. Dove's three farms in Broadway and Criders he produces 105,000 broilers and 4,000 breeder hens annually. Modern electric hatcheries and the finest equipment all along the line provide the last word in farming and poultry-raising efficiency. He has incubator capacity of 200,000 chicks. The hatchery now operates under the name of Dove's Hatchery, Inc. In addition to his poultry work, Mr. Dove raises livestock. He has ninety head of sheep and one hundred twenty-five head of beef cattle.

He also takes a deep interest in civic affairs, being a member of the board of deacons and the board of trustees of the Church of the Brethren, in Mayland.

Justin Wayne Dove married, December 23, 1938, in Harrisonburg, Virginia, Lilly Dove, daughter of George Washington and Cora (Baker) Dove and member of an old Rockingham County family. Mr. and Mrs. Dove became the parents of four children: 1. Marie Catherine, born May 4, 1940, at Criders, Virginia. 2. Leonard Wayne, born June 13, 1941, at Criders, Virginia. 3. Allen Chester, born September 28, 1944, at Broadway, Virginia. 4. Carylon Fay, born June 11, 1949, at Broadway, Virginia.

JAMES STEWART DAILEY—A native of Martinsburg, James Stewart Dailey remained in the city to become one of its most esteemed business men, a farmer, cattle raiser, legislator and civic-minded citizen. As such he is thoroughly familiar with the problems and annals of this section of his State and has been prominent in the promotion of its best interests. For nearly three decades he has been identified with the automotive business, for half of this period as the head of the firm he established. He long has operated a large farm and acquired a reputation for his Hereford cattle. His several terms in the West Virginia House of Delegates were marked by exceptional

work on House committees and the sponsorship and support of progressive legislation.

James Stewart Dailey was born in Martinsburg, West Virginia, on the day after Christmas, 1895, son of James Henry Clay and Anna (Becker) Dailey, his mother passing away in 1902. His father was a farmer and long-time railroad man who died November 18, 1918. After attending the schools of his birthplace, the son entered the employ of the Interwoven Stocking Company. After four years, in 1919, James Stewart Dailey became an apprentice machinist with the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, but within a year he joined the Sanderson and Porter Company, working for them in Millville, and Cohoes, New York. A year was enough, and Mr. Dailey found the type of vocation to which he could devote his best abilities and energies, when in 1921 he became associated with the Martinsburg Sales Company, dealers in Ford automobiles and tractors. From 1923 to 1935 he was with Jones and Griffith, Chevrolet car dealers, in the latter-named year joining Trammel Hollison, Inc., also representing the Chevrolet.

In 1935, James Stewart Dailey, popularly known as "Jim" Dailey, established the Dailey Motor Sales Company, with his office in an old house and his sales and repair place in the yard of the same. Today he maintains one of the outstanding show rooms in West Virginia, together with a completely equipped establishment for service, at No. 836 Motor Avenue, Martinsburg. About twenty people are directly employed and the lines represented include Cadillac and Pontiac cars, General Motor trucks and John Deere farm equipment. In addition to being a noteworthy figure in the automotive trade, Mr. Dailey is an expert agriculturalist, operating a farm of above two hundred and fifty acres on which he has a large herd of pure-bred Herefords and raises stock of more than local fame.

Mr. Dailey comes from a family that has long been interested and active in Republican party affairs. A brother, Chris H. Dailey, served as mayor of Martinsburg for sixteen years and prior to that had been a member of the city's council for some four years. James Stewart Dailey served two terms in the House of Delegates, from 1923 to 1925 and from 1931 until 1933. Then in 1936 he again entered the West Virginia political picture by running for the State Senate on the Republican ticket. He was defeated by fewer than one hundred votes. During his two terms in the State Legislature Mr. Dailey did able work on the House Committee on taxation and finance, railroads

and agriculture, and was a champion for State economy. He served on a special ten-man committee from the House of Delegates and the Senate to work out a program that saved the taxpayers of West Virginia some twenty-five million dollars. Wrote an editor of the "Jefferson Republican": "A violent foe of high taxes, government waste and extravagance, Mr. Dailey is a firm believer in and an advocate of better distribution of the State's funds to deprived and needy agencies. If this is done there will be no need for higher taxes, he stated. He favors more and better secondary roads in West Virginia; more and better schools and higher pay for the teachers; and greater financial aid by the State to municipalities through the present forms of taxation."

In local civic and community affairs Mr. Dailey has constantly been to the fore as a member of the Martinsburg Chamber of Commerce, and the Berkeley County Farm Bureau. He is also prominent as a member of the Berkeley County Chapter of the Izaak Walton League, the West Virginia Automobile Dealers Association, and the National Automobile Dealers Association. He was chosen as one of the twelve outstanding dealers in the United States to become a member of the first Dealer Conference Committee of General Motors Trucks. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, a member of the higher bodies of the Order and the Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and is a Thirty-second Degree Mason. He belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a member of the Berkeley County Memorial Park Committee. For recreation he enjoys golf as a member of the Opequon Golf Club. He attends Christ Reformed Church.

On December 12, 1924, at Martinsburg, West Virginia, James Stewart Dailey married Henrietta Farnsworth, daughter of Frank and Julia (Herburg) Farnsworth. Mr. and Mrs. Dailey are the parents of a son: James Stewart, Jr., born December 2, 1928, attended the University of Virginia, at Charleston, and is now a student at Shepherd College. He is a member of the National Guard.

RANDOLPH MILLER ROBINSON has been identified throughout his career with a merchandising enterprise in Elkton which bears his name—the Robinson Shoe and Clothing Company. He is now sole owner of the concern. Mr. Robinson recently returned from naval service in World War

II. He is connected with a number of fraternal groups in his home city.

Mr. Robinson has come into prominence in the commercial world while still a young man. He was born June 12, 1916, in Elkton, son of Harry and Sadye (Miller) Robinson. His father, a merchant, owned the Harry Robinson Department Store in Elkton. He died March 2, 1943. His son attended grammar and high schools in that community, graduating from Elkton High School in 1933. He then attended Roanoke College.

His first business connection was with his father in the Harry Robinson Department Store in Elkton. This enterprise, now known as the Robinson Shoe and Clothing Company, has been headed by Randolph M. Robinson since the death of his father. He is its sole owner. He employs four persons, and stocks a general line of merchandise. Mr. Robinson has also found another profitable venture in photography. A licensed photographer himself, he maintains a studio in Elkton. While doing photographic research in the United States Navy he developed a printing process known as texture relief.

Mr. Robinson is also noted for his many remarkable hobbies. He is a collector of old coins and antique firearms, follows photography for pleasure as well as professionally, boasts a rare collection of miniature whiskeys, and as an outdoor sport prefers fishing. He is a sufficient authority on the last-named pastime to have published an article in "Field and Stream" magazine. It concerns prize-winning fish. Mr. Robinson himself caught the third largest recorded channel bass at Wachapreague, Virginia.

During World War II, Mr. Robinson had the opportunity to follow his interest of photography in the service of the United States Navy. From 1942 to 1946, he held the rank of first class photographer with the Naval Air Corps. He served in the Caribbean and South America, entering as apprentice seaman. He studied at naval photographic schools and took courses in lithography, to attain the rank of photographer first class. He has remained a member of the United States Naval Reserve.

Mr. Robinson is a member of the Blue Lodge of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons in Elkton. He is a past charter member of the Lions Club of Elkton, and is also identified with the Elkton Chamber of Commerce. As a veteran, he is a member of the American Legion, and is past commander of his post. He is vice-commander of the "Forty and Eight" in Harrisonburg, Virginia. Mr.

Robinson's family attends the Methodist Church in Elkton.

At Harrisonburg, March 24, 1937, Randolph Miller Robinson married Jessie Hazel Lough of Rocky Mount, North Carolina. Mrs. Robinson is a daughter of Reverend R. and Maud Lough. To Mr. and Mrs. Robinson was born a daughter, Sara Maude, on December 12, 1946. The family makes their home in Elkton.

ALFRED FREEMAN MOHLER, of the fourth generation of this family to operate the farm in Augusta County now known as Glen Echo Farms, has sustained an excellent record of agricultural production. He raises livestock and various crops, and his continued good work has gained attention throughout the area, which won for Mr. Mohler and his family, in 1949, the coveted "Master Farm Family" award.

Son of John Newton and Margaret Alice (Armstrong) Mohler, Alfred Freeman Mohler was born at Mount Solon, Augusta County, where his farm is located, on March 21, 1896. John Newton Mohler farmed in Augusta County in partnership with his own father, and the acreage comprising Glen Echo Farms has been in the same family since 1875. Daniel Freeman Mohler, grandfather of Alfred F. Mohler, was born in Virginia and died in March, 1896. He was the first Mohler to operate the farm of this story. Receiving a good education, Alfred F. Mohler began his studies in the Augusta County schools, graduated from Parnassus High School, then entered Randolph-Macon Academy at Front Royal, Virginia. He also attended Virginia Polytechnic Institute in Blacksburg, Virginia.

Engaged in agricultural pursuits from his earliest years, he worked the Mount Solon farm with his father until he was twenty-one years of age, at which time he entered into full partnership in its operations. John Newton Mohler died in 1919, and Alfred F. Mohler took complete and independent charge of the farm at that time, so continuing until 1947 when, following the family tradition, his son, representing the fourth generation of the family, went into partnership with him. At present, Glen Echo Farms comprises eight hundred and three acres. There are one hundred and twenty-seven head of cattle, two hundred and forty head of sheep, and seventy-five head of hogs, as well as twenty-five head of dairy cows. Crops which are raised on Glen Echo Farms are wheat, corn, oats, barley, and several kinds of hay, in-

cluding alfalfa and timothy. Mr. Mohler is at present carrying out a project designed to reforest a part of his farm, and seventy acres have been set out to timber. He also raises poultry, producing a thousand broiler chickens annually, and regularly keeps two hundred and fifty laying hens. The farmhouse is situated on the main Mohler farm of five hundred and three acres. There are two hundred and seventy-three acres of grazing land at Long Glade; and a few additional acres bring the total under the management of Mr. Mohler and his son to eight hundred and three. These are operated in a progressive way, with the most efficient modern equipment; and Mr. Mohler has proved his administrative ability in co-ordinating the various phases of farm operation: live stock, poultry, hay and grain. His cattle, sheep and hogs are all of purebred stock. His Cardodale sheep are reputed to be among the largest and finest of this breed in the state of Virginia.

The farm is operated on a strictly businesslike basis by the father and his son, John Mohler. Each owns a fifty per cent interest. Being fully mechanized, it relies on the use of such equipment as a jeep, and power-driven harvesting machines.

On September 27, 1949, the Mohlers received due recognition from members of their community, and from "Progressive Farmer" magazine and the Virginia Agricultural Extension Service, in receiving the "Master Farm Family" award. This award is granted on the basis of achievement in farming, homemaking, and citizenship. The purposes stated by the Master Farm Family movement are indicative of the qualities on the basis of which the Mohlers were chosen to receive this award. These purposes, as cited in the Staunton "News-Leader," are:

1. The Master Farm Family program is a means by which families who have done notable work in farming and homemaking, and who represent a high type of citizenship are carefully selected in order that their work and character may be recognized and honored. In almost all lines of endeavor the person who achieves outstanding success is fittingly recognized by his fellow workers and the public. This has not been generally true of farm families. The nature of their work and their isolation left many even of the best farm families unhonored and not known outside their local communities. The "Master Farm Family" movement seeks to locate and honor such families.

2. The "Master Farm Family" program serves to spotlight demonstrations of improved practices. A "Master Farm Family's" activities become a demonstration of the best farm and home practices and community services . . .

3. The "Master Farm Family" program sets a standard by which all-round farming and homemaking may be measured or judged. The "Master Farm Family" record and scorecard sets up standards at which all farm families may aim and by which they may measure their own efforts and success. Many young and old farmers are using it as a goal toward which they are working.

On the occasion of this award, some of Alfred Mohler's activities as a member of his community were cited. During and after World War II, he was for six years a member of the Augusta County selective service board. He is a member of the Augusta Tax Equalization Board; former president of the North River High School and Grade School Parent-Teacher Association and of North River District Fair Association; has for many years served as a steward in the Parnassus Methodist Church, and is former superintendent of its Sunday school. He is also a member, and past president, of the Ruritan Club. As a raiser of live stock, particularly of his special breed of sheep, he is a member of the American Cardodale Association, Inc., and also holds membership in the American Hampshire Breeders, Inc., the American Hereford Breeders Association, and the Farm Bureau. These organizational affiliations are indicative of Mr. Mohler's progressive interest in agricultural matters, an interest which in large measure determined the family's eligibility for the "Master Farm Family" award. The significance of the award may be more readily appreciated when it is realized that only ten families throughout the state of Virginia were recipients in the year 1949. It has become perhaps the highest honor which a farm family can receive, and is correspondingly selective. G. H. Clark, district farm agent, pointed out, on the occasion of the award, that it "did not constitute only recognition of an excellent job done by Mr. Mohler in just operating his farm . . . that it was not just the result of a contest . . . but that it was recognition of work done over a long period of years in farming, community service, and homemaking by the Mohler family." That such awards are apt to fall in this rich agricultural region of the Shenandoah Valley, in acknowledgment of their progressive management, is indicated by the fact that nine miles distant another farm family was similarly honored, that of Elmer Jordan, of Bridgewater. It is also the second time in two years that an Augusta family has been recipient of the award, the G. Dayton Hodges family, of Arbor Hill, receiving it in 1947.

At Doe Hill, Virginia, August 22, 1923, Mr. Mohler married Laura Lee Jones, daughter of

William Andrew and Margaret Hester (Seybert) Jones. Mrs. Mohler taught school for eight years in Highland and Rockbridge counties before her marriage. Since that time she has often served as substitute teacher in the North River District. All of Mr. and Mrs. Mohler's children were graduated from the North River High School. Children: 1. John Andrew, who was born May 31, 1924. He is a partner of his father in the operation of Glen Echo Farms, and made an auspicious start in his career when in 1939 he won the State Farm Award of the Future Farmers of America. John Andrew Mohler married Rachel Berry, and they are the parents of a son, John, Jr. 2. Thomas Alfred, born April 13, 1926. An infantryman in the United States Army during World War II, he lost his life in action in Germany, February 28, 1945. His body was returned to this country for burial in the spring of 1949. 3. Jane Jones, born February 25, 1929, a member of the class of 1950 at Madison College, where she majored in music.

WILLIAM MARION HULVEY — Extensively engaged in egg distribution in Broadway, Harrisonburg and Elkton, William Marion Hulvey is one of this district's leading business men. A general coal and feed business is conducted in conjunction with the egg distributing organization. The Broadway and Harrisonburg branches operate under the name of J. M. Hulvey and Son.

Mr. Hulvey was born September 18, 1894, in Broadway, Virginia, son of Marion De Witt and Ida C. (Bare) Hulvey. His father was a carpentry expert in Broadway, and for a number of years served as town clerk here. He was a native of Fulk's Run, this state, and the mother was born in Timberville.

Public schools in Broadway provided William Marion Hulvey's early formal education, and for three years after quitting the classroom he was a chauffeur in Broadway. In 1917 he entered the army for service in World War I, being assigned to General Headquarters with the American Expeditionary Forces as a sergeant. He was close to General John J. Pershing throughout the remainder of the war and in the early years of peace, traveling with him for two years. His total service amounted to three years, terminating in 1920. In that year he became active in the egg and grocery business, continuing both branches until 1927, when he discontinued the grocery branch. The work since that time has been devoted mainly to egg packing and distributing at both wholesale and retail. Two plants in Broad-

way and one in Harrisonburg handle the egg business. He handles about 25,000 cases of eggs annually. The coal and feed business in Broadway is known, as indicated above, under the name of J. M. Hulvey and Son.

In addition to his work in the business world, Mr. Hulvey takes a broad interest in civic affairs. He is a member of the Civitan Club, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Virginia Poultry Association, and is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias at New Market, Virginia. He is an elder in the Presbyterian Church in Broadway.

William Marion Hulvey married, October 28, 1924, in Hagerstown, Maryland, Mary Marinda Miller, a native of Timberville, Virginia, daughter of Milton M. and Marinda M. (Mathias) Miller, of Timberville, Virginia, and Mathias, West Virginia, respectively. Mr. and Mrs. Hulvey became the parents of two children: 1. William Milton, born October 14, 1926. 2. Marion Jewett, born March 17, 1929, now associated in business with his father.

HERMAN BREWER TURNER — Engaged in the electrical contracting business under the name of the Turner Electric Company, in Timberville. Herman Brewer Turner is widely known throughout this region of the Shenandoah Valley. He lives on the old family farm at Fulk's Run, where he carries on general farming operations.

Mr. Turner was born July 25, 1914, at Fulk's Run, Virginia, son of Luther Ashby and Mary Alice (Ritchie) Turner, both natives of Rockingham County. His father farmed and owned a mill at Fulk's Run.

Herman Brewer Turner attended graded school at Genoa, West Virginia, and later was a student at Mt. Pleasant school and Broadway High School. At an early period he joined his father in farming, and helped with the milling work. In 1937 he founded his present electrical contracting business in Timberville, where he is engaged in rebuilding and rewinding electric motors and repairing radio and television sets, as well as in a complete electrical service covering all branches of the business.

His accomplishments in and around Timberville and the central Shenandoah Valley have brought him wide recognition. In addition to his work with the Turner Electric Company, Mr. Turner is a charter member of the Shenandoah Valley Electrical Contractors' Association, of which he was elected secretary-treasurer for the 1949-1950 term of office. He also belongs to the National Industrial Service Association. He is an airplane owner and a member of the Pilots' Association.

He is affiliated with the Church of the Brethren, at Fulk's Run.

Herman Brewer Turner married, November 26, 1935, at Hagerstown, Maryland, Rubie Katherine Estep, daughter of John Calvin and Mary Etta (Shirkey) Estep of Rockingham County, Virginia. They became the parents of four children, all born in Broadway, Virginia: Clayton Elwood, Larry Allen, Mary Frances and Roger Morgan Turner.

CHARLES HOWARD WHITMORE—As president of the Broadway Milling Company and a leader in the civic life of Broadway, Charles Howard Whitmore is engaged in the production of feed to serve the poultry farming area. The products of this company feed annually two million broilers and seventy thousand turkeys.

Mr. Whitmore was born November 2, 1906, in Broadway, Virginia, son of Charles Richard and Stella Beatrice (Homen) Whitmore, both natives of Rockingham County. His father was a miller in Broadway for twenty-eight years until his retirement from that business, since which time he has operated an antique shop. He was postmaster for thirteen years.

Charles Howard Whitmore attended public schools in Broadway, where he was graduated from high school in 1924, and afterwards he studied at the National Business College in Roanoke. His first employment was as a sales representative of a coffee house. Then, returning to Broadway, he was associated with the local Chevrolet agency for two years. He also spent two years with the Gulf Refining Company, in Staunton. In 1934 he came to the Broadway Milling Company as bookkeeper. Gaining a thorough knowledge of the business and advancing through the different grades of service, he became president of the company in 1938. This company originally produced winter wheat flour, but gradually devoted itself more and more to the feed business, which is now its exclusive activity. Broadway is situated in the heart of the poultry farming county, and in addition to the extensive work which the company does in the feeding of hundreds of thousands of chickens and turkeys, it also handles a general line of livestock feed.

Taking a broad general interest in the feed business throughout this region, Mr. Whitmore is past president of the Virginia State Feed Association, to which office he was elected in 1949. He is a director of the First National Bank of Harrisonburg. He is a past director of the Rockingham Poultry Marketing Cooperative, with head-

quarters in Broadway, and a past president of the Rotary Club, from which he has since resigned. He is a member of the board of directors of the Virginia State Poultry Federation, as well as a director of the Chamber of Commerce. In the Free and Accepted Masons, he is affiliated with the local lodge, with different branches of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite up to and including the Thirty-second degree, and with Acca Temple (Richmond) of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a Presbyterian, and his wife is a Lutheran.

Charles Howard Whitmore married, June 10, 1936, in New Market, Virginia, Marie Conner, of that place, daughter of Benjamin F. and Maud (Lindamood) Conner, of New Market. The Whitmores have their home in New Market and have one adopted child, Stephanie Conner Whitmore, born April 30, 1945.

FRED MOORE BLACK—Recognized as one of the Central Shenandoah Valley's leading business men, Fred Moore Black is a partner and manager of the Broadway Feed and Supply Company. He is distinguished as a sportsman through his participation in many shows throughout this region.

Mr. Black was born March 6, 1915, in Wilkie, Saskatchewan, Canada, son of Fred Archie and Lula (Stinespring) Black. His father was a civil engineer, associated for many years with the Canadian government.

Fred Moore Black came to Virginia in 1929 and attended schools in Broadway and was graduated from high school there in 1933. Later he had a special course at Strayer Business College, Washington, D. C., where he was graduated in 1935. His first employment was as secretary to the purchasing agent of the Washington "Post." In 1936 he was made assistant cashier of the First National Bank of Broadway, Virginia, so continuing until 1946. It was after those ten years of banking that Mr. Black became a partner in the Broadway Feed and Supply Company, beginning in 1946, and he continues today as a partner in the firm and as its manager. He still remains a director of the First National Bank of Broadway.

His interest in sports, particularly horses, dates back to an early period. His most noted show horse is "Tennessee Rebel," a Tennessee Walking Horse, sired by Hills Wilson Allen. He has entered his animals in many horse shows throughout Virginia. He has earned distinction in these shows for his own riding prowess, and is the proud possessor of numerous ribbons won in competi-

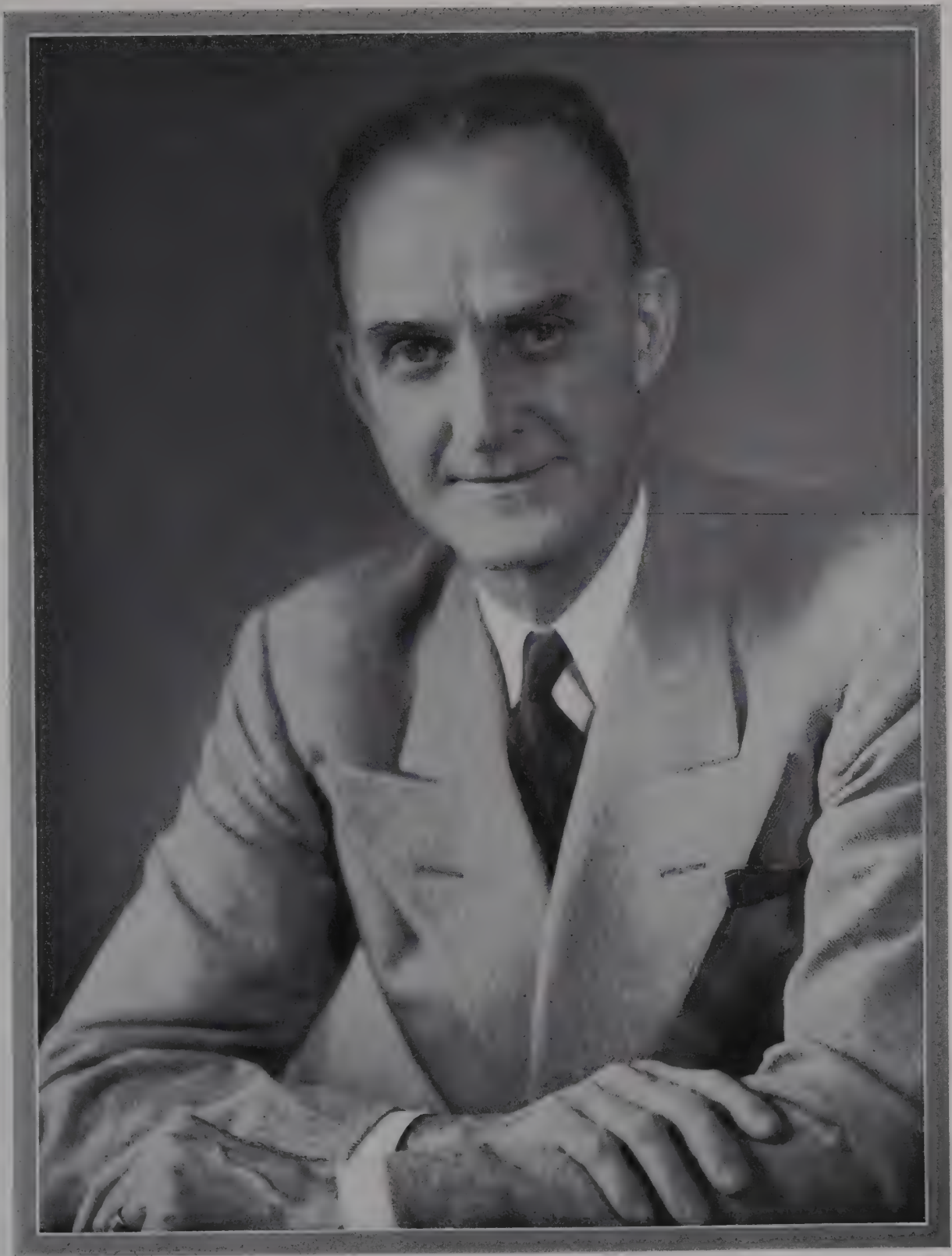
tions. Among his other activities he is secretary-treasurer of the Broadway Stables, a club, and belongs to the Virginia Associated Business Men. He is a member of the Broadway Presbyterian Church.

Fred Moore Black married, June 15, 1934, in Frederick, Maryland, Frances Catherine Riddle, daughter of C. J. and Emma (Mohler) Riddle. They became the parents of three children: 1. John Robert, born September 20, 1935. 2. Lorne Neil, born October 11, 1940. 3. Frederick Scott, born August 21, 1946.

LACY ISAAC RICE—Making a career of the law, Lacy Isaac Rice as a young graduate from the University of West Virginia, initiated a general practice of his profession in Martinsburg a quarter of a century ago, and has since become a prominent figure at the bar in the State. Exceptionally public spirited, he has given leadership to numerous community projects and has the honor of being the first citizen of the Eastern Panhandle section to be president of the West Virginia Chamber of Commerce. He is well known in fraternal circles and is a popular clubman.

Born at Berkeley Springs, West Virginia, on November 1, 1901, Lacy Isaac Rice is the son of Eli Lincoln and Ida B. (Fearnow) Rice. Raised in the Morgan Gap district of Morgan County, he attended rural schools and was graduated from the Berkeley Springs High School. Matriculating at the University of West Virginia, he spent his freshman year studying courses that would be helpful to one desirous of becoming an engineer, but from his second year on he took pre-law studies for two years. After three more years in the law school department of his *alma mater*, he was graduated in 1925, a Bachelor of Laws. He had participated in many extracurricular activities, and was pledged to the Theta Oni, social fraternity, the Phi Delta Phi, legal fraternity, and elected a member of the "Mountain", an honorary senior fraternity. He was also a senior member of the University Student Council and enjoyed several campus activities.

Admitted to the bar in 1925, Lacy I. Rice started to practice in Martinsburg in the Shenandoah Valley National Bank Building, where he maintained his office until 1928, and until moving into the offices of H. H. Emmert in the Old National Bank Building where he maintains his present office. From June, 1925, until April, 1928, he carried on with his own individual practice. Then he switched his business and activities to the office



Lacy I. Rice



of Attorney H. H. Emmert. Within a year he had proved his merits and was taken in by Mr. Emmert as a law partner, the new firm being known as Emmert & Rice. Attorney Rice continued in this partnership until the death of Mr. Emmert in 1934, and then once again practiced for himself. Four years later Herbert E. Hannis was taken in as a partner, and the name of the partnership became Rice & Hannis, the same name under which it operates today.

"Those years in law practice, both for himself and in partnership," says a contemporary, "have given Attorney Rice a host of influential friends throughout the State and section, and today he probably holds more offices in different organizations and businesses than any other man in this section of the country." He became director of the Old National Bank in 1931, and four years later was named its president. He is still holding that post. In 1935 he was elected a director of the Berkeley Woolen Company, and five years later became its president. It was also in 1935 that he was named as a director of the Interwoven Stocking Company and also as assistant secretary to the board of directors, and continues to serve in that capacity. Mr. Rice has been a director of the West Virginia Manufacturing Association for the past sixteen years, and is one of the first vice-presidents of the Virginia Woolen Company of Winchester, Virginia. In addition to these professional responsibilities, he also represents numerous other businesses and industries in the Eastern Panhandle section, also in Hagerstown, Maryland, Winchester, Virginia, and other sections of the States of Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia.

Influential in Republican party circles, Lacy I. Rice has not been interested in election to political office, although he served in the West Virginia House of Delegates during 1929-30. During World War II, he lent his abilities and experience to the local government boards and promoted vigorously Federal Loans and Red Cross drives. Especially interested in the work of the Chambers of Commerce, he has been a director of the Martinsburg Chamber of Commerce over a long period, and was a director of the West Virginia Chamber of Commerce for three years prior to his election in 1947 as president of the organization. It was the first time that a son of the Eastern Panhandle section was accorded this high honor. He has been a member of the Martinsburg Kiwanis Club since 1927, its president in 1935, and fraternally is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Free and Ac-

cepted Masons. Along professional lines he belongs to the Berkeley County Bar Association, of which he is a former president; the West Virginia Bar Association and the American Bar Association. He is a director of the Baltimore Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank, of Richmond. When the local chapter of the West Virginians, Inc., was organized he was a charter member and named its president. His work in connection with the construction of the Martinsburg High School Stadium will not soon be forgotten. His own athletic tastes are tennis and golf, and as president in 1931 and a member of its board of governors since then, of the Opequon Golf Club, he has won his share of trophies and is a former club champion. He has been a communicant of the First Presbyterian Church over a long period.

At Martinsburg, West Virginia, on December 17, 1929, Lacy Isaac Rice married Anna T. Thorn, daughter of H. P. and Mary E. Thorn. Mrs. Rice is also very active in civic affairs of the community, especially the Kings Daughters Hospital Circle, the Opequon Golf Club, and the Women's Club. Mr. and Mrs. Rice are the parents of a son: Lacy Isaac, Jr., who was born December 29, 1931, a graduate of Mercersburg Academy, class of 1949, and now an undergraduate of Princeton University, class of 1952.

ARTHUR WELTON FITZWATER'S lifelong experience in agricultural pursuits proved invaluable to him when, in 1932, he began management of the Broadway Hatchery and Poultry Farm, in Broadway, Virginia. The enterprise has accordingly succeeded well under his direction, and now boasts a capacity of nearly two hundred and fifty thousand eggs. Mr. Fitzwater is active in poultrymen's organizations.

A native of Hardy County, West Virginia, Arthur Welton Fitzwater is a son of Albert and Dorcas (Snyder) Fitzwater, and was born July 17, 1900. His father followed both farming and the carpenter's trade in Rockingham County, from 1904 until his death in 1936. His wife the former Dorcas Snyder died in 1921. Both were natives of Hardy County.

Their son received his education in rural public schools. His first classes were at Cootes Store, Virginia, but he later went to schools in Broadway and Mount Jackson, also in Virginia. From his early years he engaged in farming in the vicinity of Broadway, and was engaged in agriculture continuously until 1932. At that time he

decided to substitute poultry production for his general farming interests, and the decision has proved to be a profitable one. He rented the Broadway Hatchery and Poultry Farm, of which he has since become proprietor. He has been its manager, however, since 1932.

The Broadway Hatchery has been in existence since 1919, in which year it started operations with a capacity of eighteen hundred chicken eggs. Under Mr. Fitzwater's competent management, it has grown to a sizeable plant, with a capacity of two hundred and forty-six thousand eggs, and considerable attention is also devoted to the hatching of turkeys.

Mr. Fitzwater is a member of the Virginia State Poultry Federation. He is a communicant of the United Brethren Church.

In Broadway, Virginia, October 5, 1927, Arthur Welton Fitzwater married Violet Catherine Kerlin, daughter of William J. and Emily Ellen (Martz) Kerlin, both of Rockingham County. Mr. and Mrs. Fitzwater are the parents of a son, Arthur W., Jr., who was born May 2, 1929. He is now attending Benjamin Franklin University in Washington, D. C.

LESTER CHARLES HUFFMAN—Long associated with the Mutual Cold Storage Cooperative, Inc., of Timberville, Lester Charles Huffman is now general manager of the enterprise. He is also extensively engaged in farming on the "Hillandale Farm," east of the town.

Mr. Huffman was born May 21, 1903, at Rock Lake, North Dakota, son of Mason Lester and Luna Belle (Henricks) Huffman. His father, originally from Rockingham County, Virginia, went to North Dakota at the age of twenty-one years and was for many years engaged in farming there. In 1921 he returned to Rockingham County, and he now lives retired in Timberville.

North Dakota rural schools provided Lester Charles Huffman's early education, first at Brunne-meyer, then at Egeland, where he was graduated in 1921 from high school. Between 1922 and 1924 he was a student at Bethany Biblical Seminary, studying in the training school department. At that same period, while he wasn't attending classes, Mr. Huffman was employed as stock boy with Marshall Field and Company, and for six months as an elevator operator with the Carson Pirie Scott Company. He came to Virginia in 1924 and began his association with the Mutual Cold Storage Cooperative, Inc. At first he was a bookkeeper,

but subsequently became assistant manager, then was made general manager in 1937.

Not only has he continued since that time as general manager of the company, but he has taken a lively interest in this poultry-raising district. "Hillandale Farm" consists of 323 acres on which he produces sixty thousand broilers per year and is engaged in general farming and livestock raising. Fifty acres of this property are planted in peach trees. Mr. Huffman is also active in many organizations, being a director of the Virginia Frozen Food Locker Plant Association. He is a member of the Ruritan Club, and belongs to the Church of the Brethren.

Lester Charles Huffman married, June 7, 1931, in Harrisonburg, Naomi Showalter, daughter of Peter and Hettie (Rodeheffer) Showalter, both natives of Rockingham County. They became the parents of the following children, all born at Timberville, Virginia: 1. Donald Robert, born August 7, 1932. 2. Evelyn Joyce, born September 17, 1933. 3. Carolyn Anne, born February 16, 1935. 4. Kenneth Lester, born June 27, 1936. 5. Judy Dorothy, born April 1, 1943. 6. Mary Beth, born August 21, 1945. 7. Richard Michael, born May 10, 1948.

DORMAN WALTON FAWLEY—In a successful combination of several different types of business enterprise, Dorman Walton Fawley has distinguished himself in Broadway where he centers his activities and has his residence. Operating as Fawley Chevrolet Sales, he has the agency for this car in Broadway, while at the same time he runs a fleet of trucks.

Mr. Fawley was born September 1, 1893, at Cootes Store, Virginia, son of John William and Anna (Fitzwater) Fawley. His father was a farmer at Cootes Store.

Dorman Walton Fawley attended a one-room rural school near Cootes Store, his birthplace, and at an early age began working on his father's farm there. Afterward he went to Washington, D. C., where in 1910 he was engaged for a time in street car operation. Returning to the home farm at Cootes Store, he continued actively along agricultural lines until, in 1915, he entered the lumber business at Cootes Store. In July, 1916, Mr. Fawley purchased the livery stable, taking over a property in Broadway, and this became the nucleus of all his later activities. The automobile was at that period well advanced, and soon Mr. Fawley added a drive-yourself and taxicab business to his regular livery stable undertaking. In 1917 he added a

further venture, a trucking business—the first of its kind in the Valley. In 1921 buses became a part of his business network. Operating a fleet of trucks, as well as a regularly scheduled bus line between Timberville and Harrisonburg and special tours and trips, he made one more addition to his projects in 1927, when he became Chevrolet dealer in this area. His present trucking and automobile business is one of the largest in the Valley. He makes a specialty of refrigeration in connection with his trucking business, and boasts unusually good equipment in point of mechanical refrigeration in all his trucks. He is the largest individual operator of over-the-road refrigeration service in western Virginia.

His contribution has thus been an extensive one, as far as business life is concerned; but Mr. Fawley has by no means limited his efforts to business. He is a former councilman of Broadway. He also is active in many local civic and social organizations, and is a member of the Presbyterian Church. It is through his buses and trucks that he has become most widely known, however, operating regular trips to points as distant as Miami and Key West, Florida, on the south, and to Omaha, Nebraska, on the west, and Massachusetts on the north. Since 1949 his trucking business has operated under the name of Fawley Motor Lines, Inc. Real estate also interests Mr. Fawley, who owns and rents homes in Broadway and vicinity. He owns an apartment house in Harrisonburg.

Dorman Walton Fawley married (first) Mary Elizabeth Mason, who is now deceased. He married (second) Edna May Cale. His children are: 1. John William, born September 10, 1912. 2. Thomas Marshall, born November 9, 1914. 3. Dorothy Katherine. 4. Edna Jeane. 5. Dorman Walton, Jr. 6. Ramona Gay.

JAMES WALTER RHODES—Long associated with the Norfolk and Western Railway Company, James Walter Rhodes has served the system in a number of capacities. Since 1938 he has been auditor of revenues, with more than 250 persons working directly under his jurisdiction.

Mr. Rhodes was born May 10, 1886, in Buchanan, Virginia, son of John Walker and Virginia Lee (Staples) Rhodes, both native Virginians, his father of Rockbridge County and his mother of Amherst County. His father was for fifty years a maintenance foreman with the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway. Also intensely interested in Repub-

lican politics, he took a lively interest in civic affairs.

Public schools of Amherst and Botetourt counties provided James Walter Rhodes' early formal education. Completing his high school studies in Botetourt County, he entered the National Business College in Roanoke and subsequently had other special business courses. In 1907 he was employed by the Norfolk and Western Railway Company, serving first of all as freight rate clerk in Roanoke. In that position he continued until 1919, when he became connected with the United States Railroad Administration as an accountant. He remained with that government body until January, 1920, at which time he resumed his affiliation with the Norfolk and Western. Until May 1, 1924, he was a traveling auditor of the road. Then he became chief clerk to the auditor of revenue, so continuing until March 16, 1933. He was then promoted to chief clerk to the controller, holding that post until December, 1935. At that time he was made auditor of disbursements, a post that he occupied until appointed auditor of revenues in 1938.

Continuing in this position down to the time of writing, Mr. Rhodes is also a member of the Roanoke Chamber of Commerce. He is interested in politics, although he follows an independent course, not being aligned with either major party. During World War I, Mr. Rhodes was a member of the Virginia Volunteers, Company D, of Roanoke, holding the commission of first lieutenant. He is an elder in the Presbyterian Church.

James Walter Rhodes married, September 26, 1907, in Roanoke, Virginia, Esther Burgess Spencer, born in Buchanan, Virginia, daughter of James and Martha (Staples) Spencer, both natives of Amherst County, Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes became the parents of one daughter, Lucille Virginia Rhodes, who was born September 27, 1908, in Roanoke.

Mrs. Esther Burgess Spencer Rhodes died September 14, 1949, at Roanoke, Virginia.

CLEMMETT BIRDSONG PERKINS — More than forty years of association with the Norfolk and Western Railway Company have equipped Clemmett Birdsong Perkins with the necessary knowledge and experience for performance of important duties with the organization. Since 1940 he has been general passenger agent of the system.

Mr. Perkins was born November 23, 1892, in Petersburg, Virginia, son of William Alexander and Alice (Birdsong) Perkins, both of that city. His father early became a merchant there.

Petersburg schools provided Clemmett Birdsong Perkins' earliest formal education. Afterward he had a special business course. He first became connected with the Norfolk and Western Railway Company on July 10, 1907, serving as a messenger for the system until December 15, 1909. In 1909 and 1910 he was receiving clerk. Then he was car service clerk until he became station account clerk in 1911. In 1915 and 1916 Mr. Perkins acted as freight and passenger agent, then was city passenger agent until 1921. Until 1924 he was traveling passenger agent, after which time he was eastern passenger agent. In 1928 he was made general eastern passenger agent, so continuing until in 1940 he was named to his present position as general passenger agent of the entire Norfolk and Western system.

In this capacity Mr. Perkins directs the work of about sixty-nine workers in his department. He has a deep interest in general railway affairs, as well as in his own company. He is a member of the General Eastern Passenger Agents' Association of New York, as well as of the American Association of Railroad Ticket Agents, the American Association of Passenger Traffic Agents, the Norfolk and Western Veterans' Association, the New York City Association of Passenger and Ticket Agents, the Birmingham Passenger Association, the American Association of Passenger Rate Men, the Fort Worth Passenger Club, the Passenger Ticket and Freight Agents' Association of Texas and the American Association of Passenger Traffic Officers.

Among his other memberships, Mr. Perkins is affiliated with the National Association of Sheriffs as an honorary member. He is active in the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he is connected with the Knights Templar commandery and the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Other affiliations include the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. In politics Mr. Perkins maintains full independence, and he is a member of the Episcopal Church.

Clemmett B. Perkins married, September 7, 1919, in Washington, D. C., Caroline Henrietta Seidel, a native of Williamsport, Pennsylvania, daughter of Gustav A. and Mildred Seidel. Her father was born in Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Perkins became the parents of two children: 1. Gloria Jaquelin, born in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. 2. Clemmett B., Jr., born in New York City.

EVERETT L. REPASS—As passenger traffic manager of the Norfolk and Western Railway

Company, Everett L. Repass occupies an important position with this transportation system and makes his own special contribution to the economic life of the Shenandoah Valley. He has his business headquarters and home in Roanoke.

Mr. Repass was born November 15, 1888, in Roanoke County, Virginia, son of Albion Phlegar and Rosa Lee (Burch) Repass. His father, born in Bland County, Virginia, in 1857, was for fifty years a passenger conductor with the Norfolk and Western. The mother was born July 3, 1869, in Roanoke County.

Everett L. Repass attended public schools in Roanoke, where he was graduated from high school in 1905. He immediately joined the Norfolk and Western organization as a messenger, afterward becoming a clerk in the office of the general passenger agent and so continuing until October, 1906. Then, for three years, he was assistant ticket agent of the road, being appointed ticket agent at Roanoke in 1909. So serving until 1926, he was then made chief clerk in the passenger traffic department. After six years in that position, he was made assistant general passenger agent in 1932. Two years later, in 1934, he was named general passenger agent, a post that he held for six years before being assigned to his present duties as passenger traffic manager in 1940.

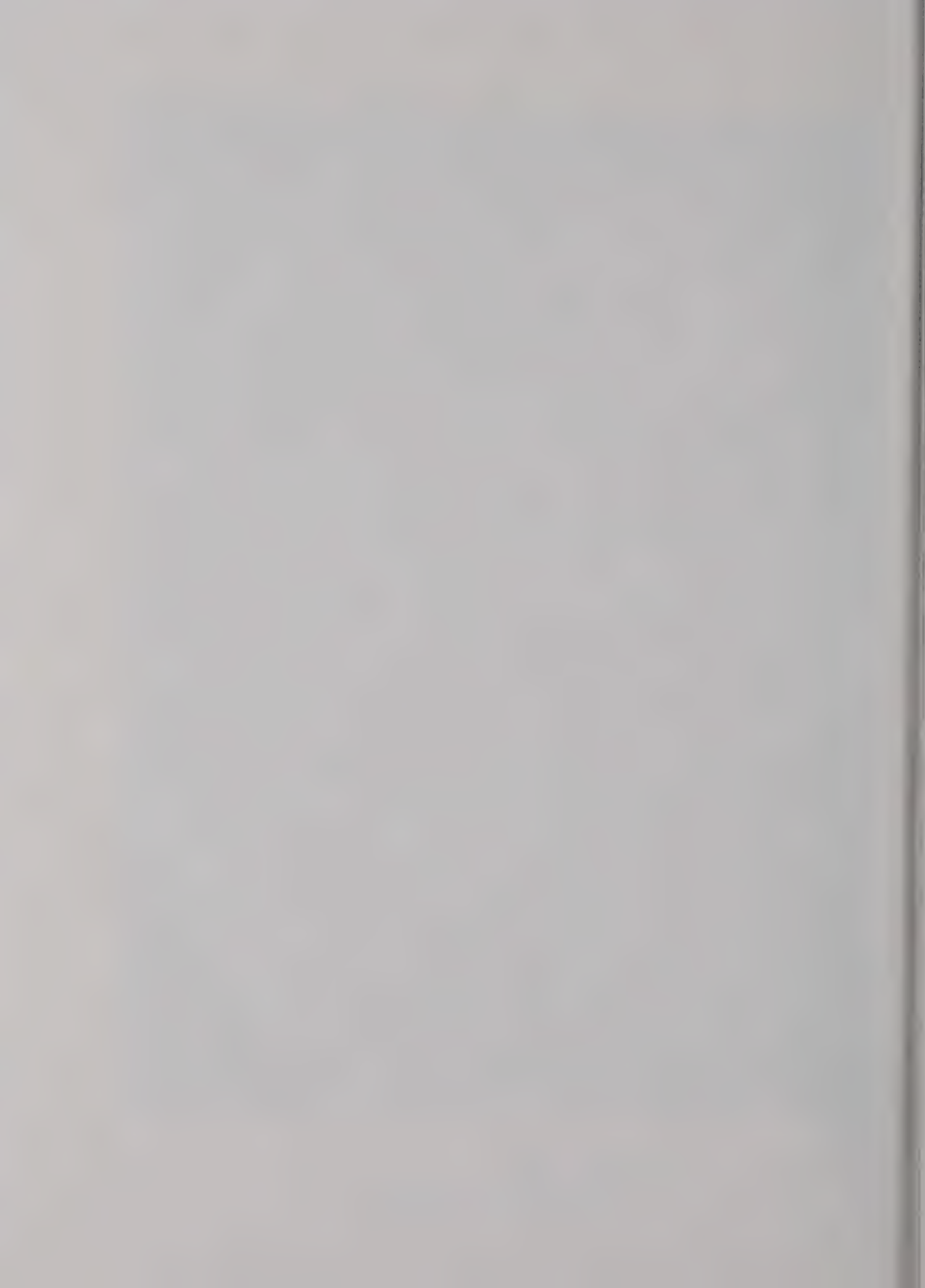
In addition to his work with the Norfolk and Western system, Mr. Repass interests himself in the affairs of his branch of railroading. He belongs to the American Association of Passenger Traffic Officers. Outside activities which enlist his attention include civic work in its different branches. In politics he is a Democrat. He is a member of the Roanoke Chamber of Commerce and the local Rotary Club. He also is a member of the Roanoke Country Club, and in the Free and Accepted Masons is affiliated with many bodies, including the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Everett L. Repass married, October 8, 1912, in Roanoke, Virginia, Kathleen Price, born January 3, 1889, in Bristol, Virginia, daughter of Charles and Ceby (Buford) Price, natives of Franklin County, Virginia, and Oxford, Mississippi, respectively. The Repasses are widely known throughout this region of Virginia and the Shenandoah Valley, where their participation in community life has been noteworthy.

CHARLES FREDERICK REININGER — As president and general manager of the Powhatan Brass and Iron Works, in Ranson, West Virginia,



C. H. Reininger



Charles Frederick Reininger occupies a position of leadership and distinction in Shenandoah Valley industrial circles.

Mr. Reininger was born January 30, 1902, in Charles Town, West Virginia, son of Charles Edward and Marie (Bouse) Reininger, both of whom are now deceased.

Charles Town public schools provided Charles Frederick Reininger's early formal education, and he early began his activity in the business world. First of all, he was a shipping clerk with the Powhatan Brass and Iron Works, in Ranson. Then he was engaged in a clerical capacity in the company's offices until he was made assistant manager of the organization. Next he was appointed manager, then became both manager and vice-president. His present position is as president and general manager of the company. Under his guidance, the company has made notable headway in recent years, bringing its policies and methods up to date and doing much to advance its interests in the industrial community. The Powhatan company was originally founded in 1892. It manufactures fire protection items, including cut-off stops for gas, water and oil installations, and distributes its products throughout the western hemisphere. It employs 100 persons in the furtherance of its manufacturing and selling program.

In addition to his work in the development of this organization, Mr. Reininger has taken part extensively in the civic affairs of Ranson and Charles Town. He is a Republican in politics, and at the time of writing is an executive committeeman of the party organization in Jefferson County. He is widely known in business circles as a director of the West Virginia Manufacturers' Association and the State Chamber of Commerce, while he is also a member of the Kiwanis Club, the Knights of Pythias, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Loyal Order of Moose and the Improved Order of Red Men. He was a member of the advisory committee of the War Production Board and the Safety and Technical Committee during World War II, and also held membership on the executive committee for industry in connection with the different government bond drives in Jefferson County during the period of hostilities. Mr. Reininger is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Charles Frederick Reininger married (first), August, 1921, in Charles Town, West Virginia, Lavina Writt, of this place. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Charles,

born November 19, 1922, attended Charles Town schools and high school and Shepherd College, served in the Pacific Theatre of Operations with the Marines in World War II, and was killed in action in the Marshall Islands during his service there. 2. Doris Elaine, born December 28, 1925, attended Charles Town High School, received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Hood College, then became a supervisor with the Washington, D. C., Telephone Company. 3. Helen Louise, born August 28, 1927, attended Charles Town High School and Madison College, where she was graduated as a Bachelor of Arts; she became the wife of Sherman League, who served in the Navy during World War II, and they are the parents of one son, Charles Frederick League.

Charles Frederick Reininger married (second), in November, 1945, in New York, Helen Mack, of Poughkeepsie, New York.

IRA VERNER JESSEE—Serving as comptroller of the Norfolk and Western Railway Company, Ira Verner Jessee has his office at railway headquarters in Roanoke.

Mr. Jessee was born April 12, 1887, in Russell County, Virginia, son of Fletcher Bickley and Elizabeth Lamira (Kelley) Jessee. His paternal grandfather, Martin C. Jessee, served in the Confederate infantry forces during the War Between the States, as did also his maternal grandfather, Edward D. Kelley. The father, Fletcher Bickley Jessee, was born in Russell County, Virginia, September 18, 1856, and died in 1919. The mother lived from September 18, 1863, to February 9, 1931. Both passed away at Big Stone Gap, Virginia, and are buried there.

Ira Verner Jessee attended school at Big Stone Gap, and after completing his high school studies in 1907, he entered the National Business College in Roanoke in the same year. In November, 1908, he entered the service of the Norfolk and Western Railway Company as a clerk in the operating department, so continuing until 1910. From 1910 to 1913 he was with the Clinchfield Coal Corporation at Johnson City, Tennessee. Then, from June, 1913, to March, 1920, he served as special agent in the accounting department of the Norfolk and Western System. His next promotion was to the rank of auditor of disbursements, in which position he continued for fifteen years, until 1935. In that year he was made comptroller of the system, so assuming the responsibilities which have occupied his full attention since that time.

Among his other general professional undertakings, Mr. Jessee is a member of the accounting division of the Association of American Railroads. From 1922 to 1935 he was a member of the committee on disbursements accounts, and was later, in 1935, named to the Association's general committee, and now serves in the capacity of chairman of the Accounting Division. Mr. Jessee is also first vice-president of the Roanoke Boosters' Club. In politics he follows an independent course. He belongs to the Roanoke Country Club, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks No. 197, and the Presbyterian Church. Golf and fishing are his favorite recreations.

Ira Verner Jessee married, October 23, 1919, in Roanoke, Virginia, Ethel Katherine Dougan, born in this city, daughter of Peter and Mary (Kennedy) Dougan, both born in Glasgow, Scotland. They became the parents of a son: Evans Butler Jessee, born August 8, 1930, in Roanoke; attended Our Lady of Nazareth Parochial School in Roanoke, Virginia, and was graduated from there in high school, 1947, then spent two years as a student at Roanoke College, and at present is a student at the University of Virginia.

D. WINTON NAFF — As superintendent of safety of the Norfolk and Western Railway Company, D. Winton Naff maintains his headquarters at the offices of the company in Roanoke. His contribution to Roanoke and Virginia affairs has been a substantial one from many points of view.

Mr. Naff was born April 16, 1889, in Holston Mills, Virginia, son of Winton Piper and Laura (Tilson) Naff. His father, born March 22, 1863, at Meadowville, this state, died November 8, 1949. He was associated for a half-century with the Worden Manufacturing Company, in Salem, remaining with that organization until his retirement. He was active in Masonry. The mother was born January 19, 1870, at Holston Mills, and died December 24, 1897.

After completing his preliminary education, D. Winton Naff entered Roanoke College, where he was a student for three years. He also studied at the National Business College in 1910. Entering the service of the Norfolk and Western system, he became secretary to the assistant general claim agent in 1914. From 1915 to 1917 he was claim investigator with the same railway company. In 1918 and 1919 he served as secretary of the Safety Commission. Then he became safety agent, so serving continuously for twenty-three years

until he was made superintendent of safety in 1942.

In this capacity Mr. Naff has rendered outstanding service to the railway company and the general public, distinguishing himself by his careful attention to the host of details that come to his office, as well as by wise over-all planning. He has taken part in a wide variety of safety work, notably as chairman of the safety section of the Association of American Railroads. In this association he is also a member of the committee of direction. He is a member of the executive committee of the National Safety Council, as well as of its visual education committee, and he is also chairman of its safety devices committee. Along with his other undertakings, Mr. Naff is chairman of the railroad section of the Virginia Statewide Safety Conference, and also is an executive committeeman of the Conference. He is a member of the safety committee of the Roanoke Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Governor's Highway Safety Committee and of the President's Conference on Industrial Safety, and a member of the Executive Committee, railroad division, of the Ohio State Safety Council.

Politically Mr. Naff is a Democrat. He is active in the Baptist Church. As early as 1910 and 1911 he was a member of the National Guard, Coast Artillery, in Wilmington, North Carolina.

D. Winton Naff married, September 3, 1912, in Roanoke, Virginia, Emmie Edwards, who was born in Lenoir, North Carolina, daughter of Joseph James and Ann (Dale) Edwards. They became the parents of the following children: 1. D. Winton, Jr., born May 4, 1915, in Roanoke, attended the University of Richmond, where he received the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1937, and married Virginia Burch, of Boyce, Virginia; they became the parents of a daughter, Peggie Burch Naff, born December 23, 1940, in Winchester. 2. Nancy Fahey, born May 28, 1920, in Roanoke, studied at the Virginia State Teachers' College, where she was graduated in 1942; she became the wife of William E. Austin, Jr., of Richmond, and the mother of their son, William E. Austin 3rd, born April 13, 1948, in Memphis, Tennessee.

FRANK HUYETT PITMAN—For years associated with the Norfolk and Western Railway Company, Frank Huyett Pitman is general freight traffic manager of the lines, with headquarters at the company offices in Roanoke.

Mr. Pitman was born April 10, 1888, in Roanoke, Virginia, son of Alexander Wise and Cora Belle

(Huyett) Pitman. His paternal forebears settled near Strasburg, Shenandoah County, this state, about 1750. On the maternal side of the house, Peter Huyett took up his residence near Reading, Pennsylvania, about 1739. Alexander Wise Pitman, Frank Huyett Pitman's father, who was born February 10, 1855, was for many years a merchant and sales representative until his death, June 8, 1928, in Roanoke. The mother was born January 5, 1866, in Brucetown, Frederick County, this state, and died May 15, 1893, in Roanoke.

Roanoke public schools provided Frank Huyett Pitman's early formal education. He also had an International Correspondence School course, and on August 14, 1902, entered the service of the Norfolk and Western as a mimeographer. His entire career since that time has been with the same railway system. Mailing, filing and recording occupied his major attention from October 10, 1902, to October 2, 1906, and for a decade he was engaged in percentage, quotation, tariff and rate work, so continuing through July 31, 1916. On August 1, that year, he became chief rate clerk, so serving until March 15, 1920. He was then chief clerk to the freight traffic manager until May 31, 1922, after which he was divisional freight agent until April 30, 1924. From May 1, that year, until May 31, 1931, he was assistant general freight agent, subsequently becoming general freight agent and so serving until March 31, 1934. Beginning with April of that year, and continuing until February 28, 1949, a period of almost fifteen years, he was freight traffic manager of the Norfolk and Western system. It was on March 1, 1949, that Mr. Pitman assumed his present duties as general freight traffic manager in Roanoke.

A man of many and varied interests, Mr. Pitman follows an independent course in politics. He is a past deacon of the Presbyterian Church, and at present is an elder of his congregation.

Frank Huyett Pitman married, October 16, 1940, near Stafford Court House, Stafford County, Virginia, Lydia T. Taylor, born in Berryville, Virginia, daughter of Samuel McCormick and Fannie (Moncure) Taylor, who were born in Clark and Stafford counties respectively, and who are both now deceased.

SAMUEL STANLEY HOSP of Roanoke has devoted his career to the railroad service, and thirty years of his time have been spent with the Norfolk and Western Railway. He is now situated with the railroad's headquarters in Roanoke as freight traffic manager. He is a member of, and

has exerted leadership in many clubs; and exemplifies the fine type of citizen which the Norfolk and Western has brought to Roanoke.

Mr. Hosp was born in Moline, Illinois, February 9, 1892, son of William and Susan (Barnhart) Hosp. He received his education in the Hopkins, Minnesota, High School, and at Minnesota College of Law, Minneapolis. However, once Mr. Hosp had identified himself with railroading he realized that there, rather than in the law, lay his true career. He entered the railroad service in 1912, as stenographer in the commercial office of the Baltimore and Ohio, in Minneapolis. During 1914 and 1915, he was stenographer and clerk in the commercial office of the C. C. & St. L., in Minneapolis. He then went with the New York Central, as chief clerk of Western transit in the general freight office. This position, too, was in Minneapolis. During the World War I period, Mr. Hosp served with the United States Army Engineers.

Resuming his railroading career after the war, he first became traveling freight agent for the New York Central at Kankakee, Illinois; and from 1920 to 1934, he was commercial agent for the Norfolk and Western Railway in Minneapolis. With this railroad Mr. Hosp has been identified ever since. He was its general agent in Pittsburgh from 1934 to 1939; and in May of the latter year assumed the responsibility of general freight agent in Roanoke.

During his period of residence in Minneapolis, Mr. Hosp was a member of the board of directors of the Traffic Club of that city. He belongs to the National Freight Traffic Association and is a member of Traffic Clubs of New York, Pittsburgh and Washington, D. C. He is a member of the Roanoke Country Club. Golf is Mr. Hosp's favorite recreation. He is a Mason and a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Roanoke.

In Minneapolis, Minnesota, December 24, 1917, Samuel S. Hosp married Hazel Brokaw, who was born in Rockton, Wisconsin, daughter of Clark and Mildred Lawton Brokaw. Mr. and Mrs. Hosp are the parents of three children: 1. Virginia Ruth, born at Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin, January 5, 1919. She married John E. Moore of Roanoke, and they have two children: i. Donald Roger, born in Roanoke, December 16, 1944. ii. John Randolph, born in Memphis, Tennessee, September 10, 1948. 2. William Brokaw (twin) born in Minneapolis, November 18, 1925. He married Betty Bowles of Sandidges, Virginia; they have one child, William Brokaw, Jr., born in Roanoke, Virginia, January 25, 1950. 3. Robert Stanley,

born in Minneapolis, November 18, 1925 (twin). He married Mary Jane Hutts, of Roanoke. Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Hosp reside at 1515 Terrace Road, Roanoke.

SAMUEL HENRY BARNHART — With the Norfolk and Western Railway Company, Samuel Henry Barnhart serves as assistant comptroller. He has held this post since 1937, prior to which time he had been building up a splendid backlog of experience with the company from the time when he first entered its employ in 1905.

Mr. Barnhart was born August 10, 1887, in Shepherdstown, West Virginia, son of James E. and Mary Estaline (Cease) Barnhart. His father, James Edward Barnhart, was born about 1847 in Shepherdstown, West Virginia, and died in March, 1926. He was for many years agent of the Railway Express Company, so continuing for about a half century. The mother was born in Staunton, Virginia.

Samuel Henry Barnhart completed his preliminary schooling, then studied at Shepherd College, in Shepherdstown, his West Virginia birthplace, where he completed an academic course in 1905. On July 24 of that year he became associated with the Norfolk and Western company as a machinist's apprentice in Roanoke. Until 1910 he was so engaged. From that year to 1920 he was a shop foreman, locomotive inspector and assistant engineer of tests in the mechanical department. In 1920 he became assistant valuation engineer, so serving until, in 1929, he became attached to the valuation department in a similar capacity, having theretofore served in the mechanical department. From 1933 to 1937 he was assistant to the comptroller of the company. Then, in 1937, he was made assistant comptroller.

Serving in this capacity down to the time of writing, Mr. Barnhart has been making a notable contribution to his company over a long period of years. He is also intensely interested in general railway affairs as a member of the accounting division of the Association of American Railroads. He also belongs to the American Railway Engineering Association. In the Chamber of Commerce of Virginia and West Virginia, Mr. Barnhart takes an active part. Politically he is independent in his views. He belongs to the Roanoke Country Club, and in the Free and Accepted Masons is affiliated with different bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, in which he holds the thirty-second degree. He is also an initiate in the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He belongs to the Lutheran Church.

Samuel Henry Barnhart married, October 15, 1914, in Roanoke, Virginia, Mary Pauline Koontz, born January 14, 1891, in Roanoke, daughter of Daniel Josephus and Grace Annetta (Hildebrand) Koontz. Her father was born in Middletown, Maryland, and her mother in Smithsburg, Maryland. Both her parents are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Barnhart became the parents of the following children: 1. Annetta Estaline, born in May, 1917, in Roanoke, became the wife of Henry Garland Woolwine and the mother of their daughter, Patricia Garland Woolwine. 2. Samuel Henry, Jr., born June 5, 1922, in Roanoke. 3. Betty, born August 18, 1926, also in Roanoke. The son, Samuel Henry Barnhart, Jr., served in the Army Transportation Corps as a sergeant with the American Expeditionary Forces during World War II.

RALPH L. HAWKINS—With a broad background of business experience Ralph L. Hawkins has come to his work with the Norfolk and Western Railway Company and his present service as district manager of the Coal Bureau, in Roanoke.

Mr. Hawkins was born October 29, 1896, in Portsmouth, Ohio, son of Frank E. and Ella A. (Winkler) Hawkins. His father, born in Fayetteville, West Virginia, June 5, 1866, was long a car foreman with the Norfolk and Western system in Portsmouth, Ohio, and was active in Republican politics. The mother was born September 14, 1870, in Wheelersburg, Ohio, and died October 7, 1940, in Portsmouth, that state.

Portsmouth public schools provided Ralph L. Hawkins' early formal education, and he was graduated from high school there in 1914. In 1914 and 1915 he was associated with the Selby Shoe Company, in that community. He then became connected with the Ford Motor Company, in Detroit, Michigan, continuing through 1916. In 1917 he associated himself with the American Railway Express Company. Meanwhile, as early as 1916, Mr. Hawkins had had a connection with the Norfolk and Western Railway Company, serving until 1920 as clerk to the general claim agent. Later he was secretary to the general freight agent for two years. From 1922 to 1924 he was secretary to the assistant freight traffic manager, and he then was secretary to the vice-president of traffic until 1933. From that year until late in 1934 he was chief clerk to the coal traffic manager, and from 1934 to 1942 he was assistant manager



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of the coal department. It was in 1942 that he assumed his present duties as district manager of the Coal Bureau in Roanoke.

In addition to his railway and other business activity, Mr. Hawkins is a Republican in his political views. He belongs to the Hidden Valley Country Club, and in the Free and Accepted Masons has many affiliations in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, in which he belongs to the Consistory and holds the thirty-second degree. He is also an initiate in the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. In spare time he enjoys golf. He is a member of the Raleigh Court Methodist Church.

Ralph L. Hawkins married, March 16, 1921, in Roanoke, Virginia, Beulah Frances Kyle, born October 20, 1895, in Woodlawn, Virginia, daughter of George P. and Blanche (Jones) Kyle. Her father was born April 19, 1856, in Hillsville, Virginia, and died January 24, 1932, in Roanoke. Her mother was born December 5, 1872, in Mount Airy, North Carolina, and died August 1, 1935, in Welch, West Virginia. They became the parents of a daughter, Ruth Ellen Hawkins, born April 17, 1922, in Roanoke, who married, on June 18, 1949, Martin L. Webb. The Webbs maintain their residence at Appomattox, Virginia.

CHARLES OMA MADDOX—The most of the life of Charles Oma Maddox has been associated with the Shenandoah Valley, notably Front Royal, Virginia, of which he is a native. After a varied experience he decided to become a funeral director. Taking over a practically defunct funeral home he has, in the past four decades, made it one of the finest in the State. There are no phases of service that he does not render the public; equipment is all the most modern; and his standing among his fellow citizens is of the highest.

Born in Front Royal, Virginia, on June 4, 1878, Charles Oma Maddox is the son of Bush T. and Lucy Ellen (Weekly) Maddox, both parents now being deceased. His father died in 1923, and his mother died in 1902. After completing his formal education in the Front Royal grammar and high schools, he engaged in agriculture, being interested in general farming with special emphasis on dairying. In July, 1908, however, he purchased an undertaking business, that was very much run down, and has since spent more than forty years building it up to its present fine status. The Maddox Funeral Home is well situated on Main Street, Front Royal. It is tastefully furnished, possesses all the appurtenances of similar up-to-

date establishments, and its completely motorized equipment includes Cadillac cars.

With the passing years Mr. Maddox has become increasingly identified with city affairs. He is a member of the board of directors of the Northern Virginia Power Company, and chairman of the board of directors of the Old Virginia Packing Company. In politics he is a Democrat, has served exceptionally well on the city council and the board of supervisors for twelve years. Professional memberships include those with the National Funeral Directors Association, and the Virginia State Funeral Directors Association. He was a charter member of the Front Royal Rotary Club, and attends the Methodist Episcopal Church.

At Browntown, Virginia, on December 28, 1899, Charles Oma Maddox married Bessie May Boyd, daughter of Stephen Miller and Ruth B. Boyd. Mr. and Mrs. Maddox are the parents of two children: 1. Charles Raymond, a graduate of Front Royal High School, now associated with his father in the Maddox Funeral Home. He married Mildred Kernard Hockman, and they have two children: i. Charles Raymond, Jr., a graduate of Front Royal High School, Randolph-Macon Academy, and the Eckels College of Mortuary Science, now associated in the funeral business. During World War II, he enlisted in the United States Navy, served with Aircraft Communication in the Pacific Theater of War with the rank of ensign, and was released to inactive duty in 1946. He married Elaine Barroclough, and they have one son: Charles Edward. ii. Betty Belle. 2. Ruth Elizabeth, a graduate of Front Royal High School; married W. H. Boyd, of Buffalo, New York, and they have two children, Thomas and Jeffrey.

RUSSELL GRAY HENLEY—As general superintendent of motive power of the Norfolk and Western Railroad, Russell Gray Henley has his headquarters in Roanoke. His contribution to railroading has been a substantial one, continuing throughout his career.

Mr. Henley was born May 17, 1884, in Walkerton, Virginia, son of Robert Yates and Dora Dean (Walker) Henley. His father, born December 31, 1854, in King and Queen County, Virginia, was for many years one of the leading dentists of this region. The mother, a native of the same Virginia county, was born February 18, 1857.

Schools of his native district of Virginia provided Russell Gray Henley's early formal education, and he was graduated from high school at

Lexington, Kentucky, in 1900. In 1901 and 1902 he studied at the Virginia Mechanics' Institute. Continuously from 1900 until 1905 he was a special apprentice with the Richmond Locomotive Company, where he gained his initial railway experience. In 1905 he entered the railway service proper as a machinist with the Norfolk and Western Railway Company, in Bluefield, West Virginia. His subsequent career was wholly with the Norfolk and Western. In 1908 he was made assistant roundhouse foreman, stationed at Bluefield. In 1911 and 1912 he was night roundhouse foreman in Williamson. From 1912 to 1915 he was roundhouse foreman at Bluefield. In 1915 and 1916 Mr. Henley was foreman at East Radford. After 1918 he became master mechanic of the Pocahontas and Scioto divisions successively, so continuing until made assistant to the superintendent of motive power in Roanoke in 1924. For four years he carried on his work in that capacity, becoming superintendent of motive power in 1928 and general superintendent of motive power for the entire Norfolk and Western system in 1941.

Carrying forward his work in this connection down to the time of writing, Mr. Henley is one of his community's outstanding citizens. He served from 1944 to 1946 as chairman of the mechanical division of the Association of American Railroads. Among his other undertakings, he is chairman of the Committee on Safety Appliances. Mr. Henley belongs to the Shenandoah Club. He is a fellow of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and a member of The Newcomen Society of England. He holds memberships in the Free and Accepted Masons and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, as well as in the Episcopal Church.

Russell Gray Henley married, June 22, 1915, in Gary, West Virginia, Ann W. Walden, who was born in Bramwell, that state, April 5, 1893. They became the parents of a son, Russell Gray Henley, Jr., born May 4, 1919, in Portsmouth, Ohio. There are two grandsons, Russell G., III, and Johnathan Blair.

RALPH KOINER BAKER—Widely known as a vice-president and a director of The S. H. Heironimus Company, Inc., Ralph Koiner Baker has been associated with this store since 1908.

Mr. Baker was born September 1, 1890, son of William Fink Elias and Cora (Nininger) Baker. Later his father dropped the name "Elias." The elder Mr. Baker was a merchant and builder.

Public schools provided Ralph Koiner Baker's early education and on August 10, 1908, he be-

came associated with The S. H. Heironimus Company, Inc., operators of one of the leading department stores in the Shenandoah Valley. He was continuously with the company until he entered the Army for service in World War I. He volunteered and was assigned to the first company of the Coast Artillery of Virginia on April 30, 1917. His unit was later made a part of the Forty-second ("Rainbow") Division. That was in August, 1917. In October of the same year, the Division went overseas to perform its spectacular work on the European war front, for which it is now famous in history. Mr. Baker was with the Division until it returned to the United States in 1919, when he was honorably discharged with the rank of corporal. Returning to The Heironimus Company, he bought an interest in the company in 1920. In 1927 he became a director, and in 1936 was elected vice-president.

Politically he is a Democrat, although in recent times he is following a more independent course. Mr. Baker belongs to the Rotary Club, the Shenandoah Club, the Roanoke Country Club, the Knights of Pythias, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Presbyterian Church.

Ralph Koiner Baker married, February 4, 1922, in Danville, Virginia, Kathryn Louise Bass, daughter of Robert Thomas and Mary Kathryn (Penn) Bass. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Kathryn Penn, born January 7, 1923, who became the wife of Watson Hillsmann Ellett. 2. Louise Bass, born October 12, 1925, who became the wife of Oscar Wayne Harper. 3. Anna Koiner, born November 27, 1927. 4. Betty Alice, born April 22, 1931. 5. Ralph Koiner, Jr., born October 4, 1937.

JAMES E. HILDRETH—As a vice-president of The S. H. Heironimus Company, Inc., James E. Hildreth performs an important service to this department store and to the business community in and about Roanoke. He also performs the duties of merchandising manager.

James E. Hildreth was born October 21, 1903, in Oak Park, Illinois, son of James E. and Bessie M. (Dillon) Hildreth. His father was born in St. Louis, Missouri, on November 15, 1872, and died November 26, 1912, in Chicago, Illinois, where he had for years been engaged in the real estate business. The mother was born July 19, 1878, in Jackson, Michigan.

James E. Hildreth attended Oak Park schools, then became a student at the Asheville School, in Asheville, North Carolina, where he was graduated

in 1922. He received the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1926 from the University of Wisconsin. Beginning the active work of his career, he was associated with Sears, Roebuck and Company in Chicago from 1927 to 1945. In that connection he served mainly as a store manager, fulfilling this function in a number of different communities. It was in 1945 that he became associated with The Heironimus Company, Inc., in Roanoke. With this great department store, Mr. Hildreth served as assistant to the president for the two following years, being made merchandising manager and vice-president in 1947. He is also a director of the company.

Along with his work with The Heironimus Company, Mr. Hildreth takes a lively interest in civic affairs, being a member of the Roanoke Chamber of Commerce, the Roanoke Country Club and other groups. He is a past member of the board of trustees of the Roanoke Community Fund, in which he now serves on the budget committee. Politically he is a Democrat. He belongs to the St. John's Episcopal Church.

James E. Hildreth married, August 15, 1932, in Chicago, Illinois, Laura May Patteson, born in Texarkana, Texas, daughter of James Nelson and Louise (Leif) Patteson. Mr. and Mrs. Hildreth became the parents of one son, James E. Hildreth, Jr., born January 25, 1942, in Roanoke.

HENRY EVAN THOMAS—In a career spent with the Shenandoah Life Insurance Company, Inc., of Roanoke, Henry Evan Thomas has emerged as first vice-president of that organization. His business abilities have proved invaluable to other concerns, for he is also director of a bank, and formerly headed the board of trustees of the city's Employees Pension System, as well as being a conspicuous figure in club life. Mr. Thomas' career is included in such publications as "Who's Who in the Southwest," "Who's Who in Insurance," and "Business Executives of America."

Henry Evan Thomas is a native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and was born February 15, 1904, son of Louis St. John and Florence (Metcalf) Thomas. His father, who was executive assistant in the Shenandoah Life Insurance Company of Roanoke, is now deceased; Florence (Metcalf) Thomas survives him.

Henry E. Thomas attended the McIntire School of Commerce, after which he entered the University of Virginia, graduating with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Commerce in 1927. In that year he entered the insurance field, accepting a

position as manager of the group department of the Shenandoah Life Insurance Company, Inc., at the Roanoke office. In 1933, Mr. Thomas became assistant actuary, in 1936 assistant to the president, and two years later a member of the board of directors. In 1939, Mr. Thomas became vice-president of the company, and he was made first vice-president in 1945.

Mr. Thomas is a director of the First National Exchange Bank of Roanoke. In the service of his city, he served as chairman of the board of trustees of the Employees Pension System, City of Roanoke, from 1947 to 1949. He is also a former president of the Kiwanis Club. Other affiliations are with the Shenandoah and the Roanoke Country Clubs. He belongs to the Chamber of Commerce, and the Roanoke Round Table. His fraternities are Theta Delta Chi and Delta Sigma Pi. Mr. Thomas is a communicant of the Presbyterian Church, which he serves as a deacon.

In Roanoke, Virginia, June 3, 1933, Henry E. Thomas married Gertrude Quinn, daughter of Edward and Genevieve (Shaffner) Quinn, the former of whom is deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas are the parents of two children: 1. Quinn, born May 27, 1936. 2. Patricia, born April 13, 1940.

SAMUEL KING FUNKHOUSER—Engaged in the practice of law in Roanoke, Samuel King Funkhouser has filled an important position in the life of his community and state.

Mr. Funkhouser was born December 4, 1884, in Harrisonburg, Virginia, son of A. Paul and Silvia Minerva (King) Funkhouser. He is a descendant of John Funkhouser, who came from Switzerland and settled in the northern neck of Virginia between 1700 and 1740.

Harrisonburg schools provided Samuel King Funkhouser's early education and after attending high school there, he entered Virginia Military Institute, where he received his Master of Arts degree. He received his Bachelor of Laws from Ohio State University and the degree of Doctor of Jurisprudence from the Law School of St. Lawrence University. From 1914 to 1918 he was Dean of the Law Department of Arbuckle Institute. Between 1910 and 1918 he was engaged in the general practice of law in New York City. He came to Roanoke in 1919, and in addition to his general practice, became connected with a number of local organizations. He was made a director of the Mountain Trust Bank in 1926, so continuing until 1928. From 1927 to 1933 he was Valuation Counsel of the Norfolk and Western Railway

Company. In 1939 and 1940 he was Special Counsel to the Federal Communications Commission in its chain broadcasting investigation. During World War II he became Special Assistant to the Attorney General of the United States. He belongs to the Roanoke City Bar Association, the Virginia State Bar Association and the American Bar Association.

Numerous civic bodies claim him as a participant in their affairs. Between 1930 and 1938 he was a member of the Board of Visitors of Virginia Military Institute. He is a past Director and Vice Chairman of the Roanoke Community Fund and a Director and past Vice Chairman of the Society for the Blind for Western Virginia. Mr. Funkhouser is a past President of the Roanoke Bar Association and the Roanoke Lions Club and belongs to the Shenandoah Club, the Roanoke German Club and the Roanoke Dinner Dance Club, all of Roanoke, and the University Club of Washington, D. C. His war time service was with Battery C, Thirty-fifth Regiment, Coast Artillery, during 1918. He maintains fraternal connections with the Free and Accepted Masons, the Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and the Phi Delta Phi Legal Fraternity. In political allegiance he is a Democrat and he is a member of the Episcopal Church. His favorite recreations are golf, riding and swimming.

Samuel K. Funkhouser married, August 29, 1917, Jane Harwood Cocke. They became the parents of two children, Jane King and A. Paul Funkhouser. The Funkhouser residence is at "Arch Mill Farm," in Botetourt County. Mr. Funkhouser has his offices in the State and City Building, Roanoke.

JOHN C. PARROTT—Centering his business activities in Roanoke, John C. Parrott has had much to do with real estate development in this region of the Shenandoah Valley.

Mr. Parrott was born in Lonaconing, Maryland, son of John Henry and Josephine (Cromwell) Parrott. His father, born June 6, 1847, in Fauquier County, Virginia, died October 15, 1930, in Roanoke, was for years a successful coal operator and a Democrat in his political views. The mother was born in September, 1877, in Albany, Georgia.

Public schools of Roanoke provided John C. Parrott's early formal education. Graduated from high school in 1916, he entered Virginia Military Institute, completing his course there in 1920 and receiving his Bachelor of Science degree, and

then attended the University of Virginia. He started work in the real estate development business in 1922 in Roanoke, devoting his attention particularly to the Clermont Heights and Prospect Hills projects here, which developments were started by Mr. Parrott's father, John Henry Parrott. He carries on a general real estate business in this city, and is widely known in trade circles.

Among his other undertakings, he is a past president of the Roanoke Real Estate Board and a past president and present vice-president of the Virginia Real Estate Association. He belongs to the Roanoke Chamber of Commerce, the Shenandoah Club and the Roanoke Country Club. In politics he is a staunch Democrat. During World War I he served in the Field Artillery forces, Forty-seventh Training Battery, and attended the Officers' Candidate School. He became a colonel in World War II, serving with the Engineer Corps, Deputy Service Command. Mr. Parrott is a member of St. John's Episcopal Church.

John C. Parrott married, October 6, 1927, in Eufaula, Alabama, Sarah Bulloch, born in that place, daughter of Samuel Allen and Amma (McCrea) Bulloch. Her father was born at Thomasville, Georgia, and is now deceased. Her mother was born at Eufaula, Alabama. Mr. and Mrs. Parrott became the parents of a son, John Henry Parrott, 2nd, born August 2, 1928, in Roanoke, who was a member of the class of 1950 at the Virginia Military Institute.

WILLIAM RICE MATTHEWS—From farming to selling automobiles, is not an uncommon change in American business. To be eminently successful in this demanding line is unusual. Yet this is the story of William Rice Matthews, president of Parkway Chevrolet, Inc., of Front Royal, Virginia. A native of Warrenton, this State, born on June 12, 1901, he is the son of William E. and Virginia Ella (Hammerly) Matthews, both of whom are deceased. His mother passed away in 1927; the father died in 1930.

After being graduated from the Warrenton high school, Mr. Matthews entered Virginia Polytechnic Institute, where he majored in agriculture for two scholastic years. From 1921 to 1930, he farmed in Warrenton, Virginia, but when he concluded that a man who sold products received more than the one who grew crops, he decided to enter the field of automobile distribution. From then until 1936, he was associated with Hickman and Hutchinson, Chevrolet dealers in Warrenton. In 1936 he changed the scene of his operations to



W. Reed Matthews



Front Royal, where on September 1, he established Parkways Chevrolet, Inc. The name of the company indicates sufficiently what the company represents. The territory covered includes Warren and Rappahannock counties, and sales have continued high even in war and post-war years. Very fine sales rooms are maintained on South Royal Street, with exceptionally complete services rendered the traveling and automobile public. With the increasing popularity of the famous Sky-line Drive, of which Front Royal is the northern entrance, the service station has become a highly important feature of the business. Twenty-four people are employed. Mr. Matthews is president, and F. C. Hick, vice-president and treasurer.

Mr. Matthews is also a director and member of the board of managers of the Sky-Park Broadcasting Corporation, Station WFTR. He is an influential Democrat, but without ambitions for public office. He belongs to the Virginia Automotive Trade Association, and is a member of the Front Royal Chamber of Commerce, and a former member of the Rotary Club. He is a communicant of the Episcopal Church, serving as a vestryman, and active in religious and charitable projects.

At Warrenton, Virginia, on December 13, 1925, William Rice Matthews married Ruth Grubbs of Strasburg, this State, daughter of R. S. and Rena C. (Grant) Grubbs. Mr. and Mrs. Matthews are the parents of three children: 1. William Rice, Jr., born January 7, 1927; a graduate of Warren County High School; attended Virginia Episcopal School for one year before enlisting in the United States Navy Seabees for World War II, serving in the Pacific Theater of War. He received his honorable discharge from the Navy in May, 1946. For one and a half years he was connected with General Motors Institute, and is now associated in business with his father. He married Frances Brown of Winchester. 2. Sue Worthington, born September 20, 1931, a graduate of Warren County High School and of Stuart Hall, at Staunton, class of 1948. 3. Clyde Walter, born November 5, 1935, a student at Randolph-Macon Academy.

BENJAMIN FITZHUGH PARROTT — Active in the construction firm of B. F. Parrott and Company, Inc., Benjamin Fitzhugh Parrott occupies a position of leadership and high standing in the industrial world.

Mr. Parrott was born June 13, 1901, in Lonaconing, Maryland, son of John Henry and Jose-

phine (Cromwell) Parrott. His father was prominent in the coal mining business in Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia. The elder Mr. Parrott lived from June 6, 1847, when he was born in Fauquier County, Virginia, until October 15, 1930, when he died in Roanoke. He developed the Clermont Heights and Prospect Hills Section of Roanoke. The mother was born in Albany, Georgia, in September, 1877.

Benjamin Fitzhugh Parrott completed his preliminary education, then entered Virginia Military Institute where he received the degree of Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering in 1922. He was graduated from Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, in 1923, as a Civil Engineer. In that year he was employed by J. P. Pettyjohn and Company, with whom he continued through 1928. In 1929 he organized his own company, operating it as B. F. Parrott and Company until 1948. On January 1 of that year, without making any change in personnel, he incorporated the enterprise as B. F. Parrott and Company, Inc., of which he himself became president.

Along with his work in business and professional life, Mr. Parrott is active in the Roanoke Rotary Club. He is a member of the Kappa Alpha fraternity, which he joined in his student years. To his other accomplishments Mr. Parrott has added considerable military service. As early as 1922 he became a second lieutenant in the United States Engineer Reserve Corps. During World War II he entered the United States Engineers as a major, after having been retired from the Reserves since 1937. He rendered active service in the United States, New Guinea, the Philippine Islands and Japan, and was honorably discharged in February, 1946, with the rank of colonel. Among his other affiliations, Mr. Parrott belongs to St. John's Episcopal Church, in Roanoke, where he is junior warden and also serves on the executive committee of the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia.

Benjamin Fitzhugh Parrott married, October 31, 1927, in Roanoke, Virginia, Mary Wise Boxley, daughter of William Wise and Willie (Saunders) Boxley. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Mary Wise, born in September, 1928. 2. Benjamin F., Jr., born in February, 1933. 3. William B., born in May, 1937. 4. John C., II, born in May, 1941.

ROBERT RODES NELSON — Succeeding his father as president of the Nelson Hardware Company, Robert Rodes Nelson is operating one of

the oldest businesses in the American hardware industry. This firm is one of less than a hundred institutions of its kind, out of a total of 20,000 hardware stores in the United States, to have been in continuous operation for a half century.

Mr. Nelson was born August 10, 1896, in Roanoke, Virginia, son of Alexander Montgomery (q.v.) and Sallie (Hart) Nelson. His paternal grandparents were William J. and Sally Harrison (Rodes) Nelson, and his maternal grandfather, John Hart, was a prominent educator. His father was born in Staunton, and his mother in Bowling Green, Virginia. The father was the founder of the Nelson Hardware Company.

Robert Rodes Nelson attended Roanoke public schools, was graduated from high school in 1916, then entered Virginia Polytechnic Institute. Later he became associated with his father in the Nelson Hardware Company, which the elder man founded in Roanoke in 1888. This firm has a long and interesting history, having been operated as a retail establishment until 1902, and thereafter as a wholesale hardware house. The company now employs 110 workers and handles a general line of hardware, plumbing, mill supplies, sports goods and major electrical appliances including electrical water systems. As president of the company, Robert Rodes Nelson is assisted by a capable staff of executives, including Coleman H. Nelson (q.v.), vice-president; William J. Nelson, who is secretary of the company; Charles L. Nelson (q.v.), treasurer; and Mrs. M. T. Reveley, assistant treasurer.

In addition to his work with the Nelson Hardware Company, Robert Rodes Nelson holds other positions of distinction in Roanoke business life. He is a director of the New Hotel Corporation, the First National Exchange Bank, the Stone Printing Manufacturing Company, the Roanoke Gas Company and the Peoples Federal Savings and Loan Association. He belongs to the Better Business Bureau, the Roanoke Chamber of Commerce, the Southern Hardware Jobbers Association and the National Hardware Jobbers Association. During World War I he served as a sergeant with the Eleventh Virginia Coast Artillery Regiment, enlisting on November 11, 1917, and being honorably discharged on December 13, 1918. He is a member of the Second Presbyterian Church and a deacon of his congregation.

CHARLES LINDSEY NELSON—As treasurer of the Nelson Hardware Company, Charles Lindsey Nelson has effectively served one of Roa-

noke's oldest and most distinguished business institutions.

Mr. Nelson was born November 24, 1903, in Roanoke, Virginia, son of Alexander Montgomery and Sallie (Hart) Nelson and member of an old and noted family. His family is an old one in this part of the South. His paternal grandparents were William J. and Sally Harrison (Rodes) Nelson, and his maternal grandfather was John Hart, a prominent educator. The father, Alexander Montgomery Nelson (q.v.), was the founder of the hardware business of the family.

Charles Lindsey Nelson attended public schools in Roanoke, his birthplace, and had two years at Augusta Military Academy. Afterward he spent one-half of an academic year at Roanoke College, in Salem. He worked after school hours as a shipping clerk for a few years at the beginning of his career, then accepted a clerkship in a retail store. He subsequently entered the family hardware business, which his father had founded in 1888. This enterprise, the Nelson Hardware Company, was originally a retail establishment, but after 1902 was engaged in the wholesale end of the business. It gradually developed that Charles L. Nelson's connection with this company was on the financial side, and he is now its treasurer and financial chief.

He is also active in Virginia social life, and is a member of numerous civic groups. He belongs to the National Exchange Club and the Second Presbyterian Church.

Charles Lindsey Nelson married, November 13, 1932, at the Little Stone Church at Augusta Military Academy, Anne Schrader, daughter of John Calvin and Gertrude (De Vlaming) Schrader.

ALEXANDER MONTGOMERY NELSON—As president of the Nelson Hardware Company, Alexander Montgomery Nelson filled a prominent position in the business life of Roanoke. His accomplishments were many-sided and constructive, earning for him wide admiration and confidence. He will long be affectionately remembered by his fellow citizens in all walks and departments of life.

Mr. Nelson was born in Staunton, Virginia, son of William J. and Sally Harrison (Rodes) Nelson and member of a large and distinguished family. His father, born at Port Republic, this state, studied at Washington and Lee University, then was graduated in law from the University of Virginia. He left his profession to accept a lieutenantancy in the Confederate Army during the War

Between the States; but after Appomattox, he returned to Staunton and resumed his law practice. He was for some years a member of the Staunton City Council. Both he and Mrs. Nelson were lifelong members of the Presbyterian Church, in which he served as an elder of the congregation over which Woodrow Wilson's father had been pastor. The Nelsons settled at an early period a few miles south of Staunton, in Augusta County. The mother was born in Lynchburg. Both of the parents of Alexander Montgomery Nelson are now deceased, as are all of their twelve children, with the exception of Mrs. Julia N. Sublett. Mrs. Nelson's father served in the army during the Mexican War. Her brother, General Robert Rodes, was later killed while serving as a Confederate soldier in the battle of Winchester during the War Between the States.

Alexander Montgomery Nelson attended public schools in Staunton, and was graduated from the local high school in 1875. He was a poor boy, and early learned the dignity and the rigors of hard work. When he was sixteen years of age, he was employed in a hardware store in Lexington, receiving fifty cents per day for his labors. He was strong of purpose, and his ideals were high from the outset. In 1883 he went into business on his own account at Culpeper. The first years were filled with struggle, but he liked the taste of the fight and carved out a place for himself as an independent merchant. A definite policy began to unfold in his undertakings, and after five years in Culpeper he came to Roanoke in 1888. Here he established his own retail hardware store in association with a partner—the firm of Nelson and Myers. Until 1902 the partners operated as retail merchants; then Mr. Nelson took over full control of the business and founded a wholesale hardware store under the name of the Nelson Hardware Company.

This enterprise grew and prospered with the years, and over more than a half-century Mr. Nelson, as its founder and guide, gained a position of true leadership in the business. Out of 20,000 hardware stores in the United States, only eighty-nine remained continuously in operation over so long a period of time. Gradually he admitted other members of the family into the business, while he himself continued as president. He admitted his son, John M. Nelson, as vice-president; another son, Robert Rodes Nelson (q.v.), as secretary-treasurer; and a third son, Alexander M. Nelson, Jr., as purchasing agent. The business is a closed corporation, all stockholders being members of the Nelson family. Each of six sons

are stockholders, actively engaged in the business. The only non-active stockholders are Mr. Nelson's two sisters—Mrs. Stout, Judge Stout's widow, of Augusta County, and Mrs. Sublett, widow of Ed. Sublett, formerly a wholesale produce dealer.

In addition to his headship of the Nelson Hardware Company, Alexander Montgomery Nelson also served as vice-president of the First National Exchange Bank, as well as an executive committeeman. He was president of the Nelson Coal Corporation. It was mainly for his work with the Nelson Hardware Company, however, that he was known throughout this region of the South. This company, under his guidance, grew to cover the whole of Virginia, as well as portions of West Virginia and North Carolina, and was represented by four traveling salesmen on a year-round basis. The capitalization of the business totaled \$400,000, making it the largest enterprise of its kind in Roanoke and a leading corporation in Virginia.

The name of Nelson has come to be connected with some of the major aspects of cultural life in the South. It is particularly associated with Washington and Lee University, where Mr. Nelson's uncle, Professor Alexander L. Nelson, for fifty years held the chair of Mathematics in that institution. Alexander M. Nelson also belonged to numerous civic and social organizations, including the Shenandoah Club and the Roanoke Country Club. He was active in the Democratic party, serving for years on the Roanoke City Council, and was useful to his city in many other capacities. For years he was a trustee of the Second Presbyterian Church of which he and his family were members.

In 1888 Alexander M. Nelson married Sallie Hart, who was born in Charlottesville, Virginia, daughter of the late John Hart, a prominent educator. They became the parents of ten children, two of whom have been long deceased. The others are: 1. John M., who was educated at Washington and Lee University, and early became a vice-president of the Nelson Hardware Company; he died in May, 1935. 2. Alexander M., Jr., who attended Roanoke High School, then entered the hardware firm of the family as purchasing agent; he is now deceased. 3. Coleman H. (q.v.), who attended Roanoke schools and the University of Virginia, and is now vice-president of the Nelson Hardware Company. 4. William J., (q.v.) who was educated in Roanoke schools, and became secretary of the company. 5. Robert R. (q.v.), who attended Virginia Polytechnic Institute, succeeded his father as president of the Nelson Hardware Company. 6. Katherine, who married Junius

P. Fishburn. 7. Elizabeth, married Louis R. Showalter. 8. Her twin brother, Charles L. (q.v.), now treasurer of the company. The family was well represented in World War I, three of the sons serving in combat divisions of the American Expeditionary Forces, while a fourth was on guard duty in this country.

The death of Alexander Montgomery Nelson was an occasion of deep sorrow in the Roanoke community and throughout the Shenandoah Valley. His success was outstanding—not alone the result of a combination of favoring circumstances but the working out of a policy long held and definitely followed, often against great difficulties and discouragement. Such a success is the mark of a big man.

COLEMAN H. NELSON—Long associated with the Nelson Hardware Company, Coleman H. Nelson is recognized as one of Roanoke's outstanding business men. He has been vice-president of the company since 1935.

Mr. Nelson was born June 10, 1893, son of Alexander Montgomery (q.v.) and Sallie (Hart) Nelson, and member of an old Virginia family. His grandparents were William J. and Sally Harrison (Rodes) Nelson. His father was the founder of the Nelson Hardware Company.

Coleman H. Nelson attended public schools in Roanoke, completing his high school studies and being graduated from Augusta Military Academy in 1917. Later he was a student at the University of Virginia. At an early period he became associated with the Nelson Hardware Company, which his father founded in Roanoke, originally as a retailing store, in 1888. From 1902 onward his father was in full control of the business, which has remained wholly owned within the Nelson family as a wholesale business since that time. Mr. Nelson's first work with the company was as a clerk. Subsequently he became a bookkeeper, and in 1935 succeeded to the vice-presidency, which he now fills. He takes a deep interest in Roanoke affairs and in Virginia politics and civic life. He is a Democrat in his political views. He belongs to the Roanoke Chamber of Commerce and the Roanoke Country Club; was president in 1938, of the Optimist Club; and is a former president of the Roanoke Merchants Association and Better Business Bureau. Fond of hunting, fishing, and outdoor life, Mr. Nelson is a member of the Blue Ridge Game Association and the Izaak Walton League. During World War I, he served for eighteen months with the

American Expeditionary Forces, as a member of the Forty-second ("Rainbow") Division. He was connected with the divisional military police, and saw active service in Champagne-Marne, Aisne-Marne and Soisson sectors. He held the rank of sergeant. Mr. Nelson is a member of the Second Presbyterian Church.

Coleman H. Nelson married, June 29, 1929, in New York City, Yvonne C. Noble, born in Roanoke, Virginia, daughter of Charles E. and Anne (Ahern) Noble, both natives of Ireland. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson became the parents of two children: 1. Sally Anne, born September 16, 1931, in Roanoke, became a student at Nazareth College, Nazareth, Kentucky. 2. Alexander Montgomery, 3rd, born December 16, 1939.

WILLIAM JAMES NELSON—Throughout his career, William James Nelson, of Roanoke, has been concerned in the management of an enterprise which has been identified with the family name since 1888, when it was founded by his father. Mr. Nelson is secretary of this concern, the Nelson Hardware Company. He has in addition a considerable interest in agriculture, owning two farms and operating another, near Roanoke.

Mr. Nelson is a native of that city, born June 8, 1894. He received his education in the public schools of Roanoke and graduated from high school there in the class of 1916. Since 1919, he has been with the Nelson Hardware Company, and became secretary of the corporation in 1935. The company is one which has earned the confidence of the buying public of Roanoke through the many years it has been in existence.

Mr. Nelson rendered military service to his country during World War I. Joining the army, he was assigned to the 80th Division, 217th Infantry Regiment, Company A, and attained the rank of sergeant. He saw considerable action in the Meuse-Argonne offensive, in the Argonne Forest, and at Belleau Woods. He is active in the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the American Legion.

Other interests are the fraternal activities of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He enjoys golf, and is a member of the Roanoke Country Club; and other outdoor recreations are hunting and fishing. A still more important pursuit, however, is Mr. Nelson's agricultural activities. He owns two farms of about 40 acres each. These holdings are all located near Roanoke. Mr. Nelson is a Democrat in his politics, and is a member of the Presbyterian Church of Roanoke.

In Johnson City, Tennessee, W. James Nelson married Margaret Huff, who was born in Roanoke in 1900, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Huff, both natives of Roanoke. Mrs. Nelson died December 22, 1939. She and Mr. Nelson were the parents of a son, William James, Jr., born in Roanoke, December 10, 1939. He is now attending public schools.

JOSHUA WRIGHT RING — The story of Joshua Wright Ring is remarkable because of two evident factors: first, the great things he has accomplished; second, and by far the most notable of the two, the simple direct way in which he has projected his force and personality into ordinary opportunities and made them yield extraordinary results. His name has long been associated with the initiation, development and leadership of large industries, financial institutions and outstanding enterprises. By his achievements, his contributions to many worthwhile interests of life, he has opened the doors of opportunity to thousands, and added to the prosperity and welfare of numerous communities.

A native of Virginia, Joshua Wright Ring was born at Carsonville, this State, in 1873, and completed his formal education in the Elk Creek Academy, Grayson County. His first employment of note was in the milling business, learning the fundamentals of what was to lead to the presidency of the Roanoke City Mills, "The South's largest and finest flour and feed mills." Early in his career he became an incorporator and general manager of the Pulaski Milling Company, of Pulaski, Virginia, his first example of the gift for organization that is one of his outstanding characteristics. During the period to 1904 he also was assistant purchasing agent for the Virginia Iron, Coal and Coke Company, stationed at Pulaski, with the main offices at Bristol, Virginia.

In 1904, Mr. Ring disposed of his holdings in the Pulaski Milling Company, to purchase with others, the Twin City Milling Company, at Bristol, Tennessee, of which he became president. Six years later he planned and built, and served as its president, The Model Mill Company, of Johnson City, Tennessee, one of the largest and most successful of its kind in the State. During the period that he was mainly identified with Johnson City, he organized the John Sevier Corporation that built the million and a half dollar hotel of that name; was president of the V. and S. W. Railway Company; was a founder and president of the Unaka and City National Bank, of John-

son City, and chairman of the board until sold. He served on the board of directors of the Dominion National Bank, of Bristol, Virginia, and of the City National Bank of Johnson City; was president of the Sparger Mill Company, Bristol, president of the Tennessee Lumber and Veneer Company, and the Tennessee Electric Supply Company. Among the further directorates of Mr. Ring were those of the Morristown Flour Mill, Morristown, Tennessee; the Johnson City Development Company, and the Marshall Brothers Lumber Company. He was president of the Johnson City Chamber of Commerce and prominent in many groups in that community—business, civic and social.

To the people of Roanoke, the Roanoke City Mills, is naturally the outstanding achievement of Joshua Wright Ring. This exceedingly busy man, even a third of a century ago, launched out on what was to become one of the important industries of Roanoke. In 1917 he began the organization, planning and building of the South's largest and finest flour and feed mills. Eight years later he sold his interest in the Model Mill Company, at Johnson City, and two years later, 1937, added a large feed mill to the Roanoke plant. Of the Roanoke City Mills, Joshua Wright Ring is the president, a great industrialist and great citizen. One of the remarkable aspects of his endeavors has been from the first the human relations between himself and his associates. In this category he instinctively places all those who are a part of the process of creating finished products for the use of the public, and thereby creates for the army of associates, employees and the community, livelihood, wealth, progress and welfare.

The launching and direction of large industrial enterprises has not been allowed to interfere with many every-day activities. Naturally he is, or has been, a member of the board of governors of the Tennessee State Manufacturing Association, served as a trustee of the Martha Washington College, Abington, Virginia, and is liberal in his support of education. Fraternally, Mr. Ring is a Thirty-second degree Mason, member of the Commandery, Knights Templar, and member of the Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Numbered among his clubs are the Roanoke Country and the Rappahannock River Yacht Club. He worships in the Greene Memorial Methodist Church, of Roanoke, and is identified with numerous charitable and humanitarian organizations.

Joshua Wright Ring married Virginia Elizabeth McNew, of Pulaski, Virginia, on November 7,

1894. She was born at Saltville, Virginia, November 20, 1874. They are the parents of two sons: J. Kirk Ring (q.v.) and Hencil Wright Ring, born January 18, 1902, at Pulaski, Virginia, and died November 7, 1947, at Irvington, Virginia; he attended the University of Virginia and the University of Georgia and was a vice-president and treasurer of his father's company.

JAMES GRUVER HILLIDGE—In Front Royal, James Gruver Hillidge is vice-president, treasurer, and general manager of the Locust Pin Company, Inc., makers of wooden insulator pins and brackets, which they distribute throughout the world.

Mr. Hillidge was born June 9, 1900, in Washington, D. C., son of Benjamin James and Laura Virginia (Gruver) Hillidge. His father, born at Holland Patent, New York, on December 5, 1871, was for years active in business and civic affairs in Front Royal, where he acquired control of the Locust Pin Company in 1905. Not only was he treasurer and general manager of the organization until his death on August 6, 1937, but he was mayor of Front Royal for eighteen years and was active in civic affairs. The mother passed away September 26, 1939.

James Gruver Hillidge attended schools in Warren County, completing his high school work there. In 1918 he was graduated from Randolph-Macon Academy, and then attended Cornell University, studying mechanical engineering. His association with the Locust Pin Company, Inc., at Front Royal, began in 1922, and he continued in different capacities with this company until his father's death in 1937, being vice-president prior to this time. He became vice-president, treasurer and general manager following his father's death. This company dates back to 1902, when it was founded as the Virginia Locust Pin Company by Messrs. Wallihan and Hoover. It was incorporated in 1903 as the Locust Pin Company, Inc., and two years later Benjamin J. Hillidge acquired control of the organization by purchase of Mr. Hoover's interest. Later he acquired most of Mr. Wallihan's interest. The company's wooden insulator pins and brackets have attained an annual output of ten million, and distribution extends throughout the world. During World War I, the company was awarded the Distinguished Service Certificate.

In addition to his work with the Locust Pin Company, James Gruver Hillidge is active in civic affairs as a member and past president of the

Rotary Club and as a member of the National Manufacturers Association, the Virginia State Manufacturers Association and the Southern States Industrial Council. He is a Democrat in his political views and a member of the county committee of his party. He is also a director of the Bank of Warren. His church is the Presbyterian.

James Gruver Hillidge married, October 25, 1942, in Arlington, Virginia, Vasta Hannan, of Raymond, Mississippi, daughter of Neal and Pearl Hannan.

CHARLES P. LUNSFORD — Engaged in the insurance business, Charles P. Lunsford is a business man who exerts considerable influence on the affairs of his community, not only as operator of his agency, but as director of several other organizations and as a civic minded citizen who holds membership in a number of groups devoted to the public interest. The firm of Charles Lunsford's Sons and Izard has its offices in the Colonial American Building, Roanoke.

Mr. Lunsford is a native of Roanoke, and was born there June 12, 1906. His parents were Kirk and Julia (Vaughn) Lunsford; and his father, who was likewise engaged in the insurance business, was born at Big Lick, Roanoke County, February 28, 1880. He died December 4, 1934. Julia (Vaughn) Lunsford was a native of Rockbridge County, born July 26, 1881. She survives her husband.

Charles P. Lunsford began his education in the public schools of Roanoke and graduated from high school there in 1924. He then attended Virginia Polytechnic Institute, where he was a member of the class of 1928. Engaged in the insurance business in Roanoke since the time of his graduation, he is a member of the firm of Charles Lunsford's Sons and Izard, which was founded about 1875, a fact indicative of the length of time the Lunsford family has been interested in the insurance business. Mr. Lunsford is now a partner in the agency, which gives employment to fifteen persons.

In addition, Mr. Lunsford is a member of the board of directors of the First National Exchange Bank, the New Hotel Corporation, and the board of trustees of the Roanoke Hospital. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, and in connection with his profession holds memberships in the Virginia Association of Insurance Agents, which has its headquarters in Roanoke, and the National Association of Insurance Agents. He is a member of the Roanoke Country Club,



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the Shenandoah Club, the German Club, the Commonwealth Club of Richmond, Virginia, and the Blue Ridge Game and Fish Association. He is fraternally identified with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and attends the Second Presbyterian Church of Roanoke. In politics, Mr. Lunsford is an independent.

At Roanoke, October 8, 1930, Charles P. Lunsford married Marion Garrett, a native of Bluefield, West Virginia, and daughter of Robert M. and Cleo (Thaxton) Garrett, both of her parents being natives of Bedford, Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Lunsford are the parents of four children: 1. Marion Anthony, born in Roanoke, August 10, 1932. 2. Martha Clay, born May 7, 1934. 3. Julianne Preston, born January 28, 1938. 4. Charles Isaac, 2nd, born November 6, 1940. All of the children were born in Roanoke.

EDGAR AUGUSTINE THURMAN — The wholesale and retail furniture establishment of Thurman and Boone Company, Inc., has long been one of the commercial landmarks of Roanoke; and its president, Edgar A. Thurman, has been associated with it and predecessor firms since 1893. Its prosperity is the measure of its good name and high standards of dealing; and it has kept up with the times to become a modern, forward-looking concern, giving employment to over a hundred people.

Edgar Augustine Thurman was born in Bedford County, Virginia, on February 21, 1864. His father, Augustine Thurman, was likewise a native of Bedford, and was born September 9, 1812. He became a merchant at Bedford, and also engaged in farming. A Republican in his politics, Augustine Thurman served his community in public office, being a justice of the peace. He married Ann Maria Lumpkin, who was born in Franklin County, Virginia, in 1823, and they became the parents of Edgar A. Thurman, of whom further. Augustine Thurman died in 1896.

After attending the public schools of Bedford County, Edgar A. Thurman completed his formal education at Hales Ford Academy in Franklin County, Virginia. Prepared as an educator, he first taught school in Bedford County, from 1885 through 1888. In 1889, he began his commercial career, accepting employment in a store at Bedford and gaining experience in the dry goods field as a clerk. The next year, Mr. Thurman came to Roanoke, where he started in business as a partner in the firm of Thurman, Robertson and Company.

After one year of association with this concern, he purchased his partner's interest and organized a new company under the name of Overstreet and Thurman. The firm continued for two years under this name, and in 1893 was chartered under the name of Thurman and Boone Company, Inc., and has continued as such to the present time. As an old-established and reliable merchandising firm dealing in furniture at wholesale and retail, Thurman and Boone has made many friends, and has been held in increasing favor by the buying public. It is well known for its fair dealings, and its sponsorship of a product is acknowledged to be a warranty of quality.

Mr. Thurman has been president of Thurman and Boone Company, Inc., since its organization under the present name. Isaac E. Boone is vice-president; W. D. Richardson vice-president and secretary-treasurer; and A. M. Spencer, general manager. There are now one hundred persons on the company's payroll.

Keeping contact with his colleagues in the merchandising field, Mr. Thurman is a member of the Retail Merchants Association and the Retail Furniture Dealers Association. He is identified locally with the Chamber of Commerce and the Kiwanis. He is a Republican in his political views, and attends the Baptist Church.

Mr. Thurman is unmarried.

KIRK LUNSFORD, JR.—One of the younger men influential in the business life of Roanoke, Kirk Lunsford, Jr., occupies the position of secretary of the Heironimus Company, which operates a large department store in that city. He is also publicity director and personnel director for this company, with which he has been associated since his graduation from the University of Virginia. A man who has already made his mark in the publicity field, Mr. Lunsford is a member of the board of directors of the Roanoke Advertising Club.

Born September 11, 1914, Mr. Lunsford is a native of Roanoke, and a son of Kirk and Julia (Vaughn) Lunsford. His father, who was born in Roanoke on February 18, 1879, found his career in the insurance field. He was a Democrat in his politics. He died December 4, 1934. Julia (Vaughn) Lunsford was born in Rockbridge County, July 26, 1881, and survives her husband.

Educated in the Roanoke schools, Kirk Lunsford, Jr., graduated from the Jefferson High School in the class of 1931, and from the University of Virginia in the class of 1935. At the

time he completed his college courses, the direction of his career had already been indicated, for in 1934 he became for a time an employee in the men's department of the Heironimus Company department store. Later, on returning with that concern, he entered the credit department, became assistant to the advertising manager in 1940, and assumed the responsibilities of publicity director in 1942. He has held that position ever since, and in recognition of his abilities was also made personnel director in 1947. In March, 1949, Mr. Lunsford became secretary of the company, and holds the three positions concurrently.

For some time Mr. Lunsford has been a member of the Roanoke Advertising Club in which he holds office as indicated above. He is also a member of the Roanoke Country Club. He is a Democrat in his politics, and a communicant of the Second Presbyterian Church in Roanoke, where he resides.

In Roanoke on June 22, 1940, Kirk Lunsford, Jr., married Lita Alexander, a native of New York City and daughter of Lawrence Wade Alexander, M.D., and Lita (Berry) Alexander. To Mr. and Mrs. Lunsford have been born four children, all in Roanoke: 1. Kirk, 3rd, on March 12, 1941. 2. Read Alexander, born April 30, 1943. 3. Vaughn Berry, born December 12, 1945. 4. Lawrence Dade, born July 25, 1948.

THOMAS H. FARMER—The office of superintendent of the Relief and Pension Department of the Norfolk and Western Railway Company is held by Thomas H. Farmer, whose offices are at the railroad's headquarters in Roanoke. Mr. Farmer has been with the Norfolk and Western since the World War I period.

Member of a family long resident in the Shenandoah Valley, Mr. Farmer was born in Bedford County, on December 18, 1896. His father, James Christopher Farmer, was also a native of that county, born December 11, 1856. He married Fannie McGuire, who was born in Franklin County, September 10, 1870. Both parents died in Roanoke, James C. Farmer on December 19, 1906, his wife on July 7, 1931.

Thomas H. Farmer, their son, attended grade schools in both Vinton and Salem, Virginia, and he also went to the high schools of both cities. His first position with the Norfolk and Western Railway was in the traffic department in Roanoke, where his name was entered on the payroll August 16, 1915. He continued in the traffic department to become stenographer, and remained until April

9, 1917. Mr. Farmer served in the United States Army during World War I, terminating his service in September, 1919.

For a short time after returning to civilian life, Mr. Farmer was clerk in the claim and safety departments of the Norfolk and Western Railway. From May, 1920, he was employed in the office of the general manager of the railroad as secretary to the general manager; and later as secretary to the vice-president in charge of operation and to the president. On July 1, 1937, he was appointed superintendent of the relief and pension department which position he has held since.

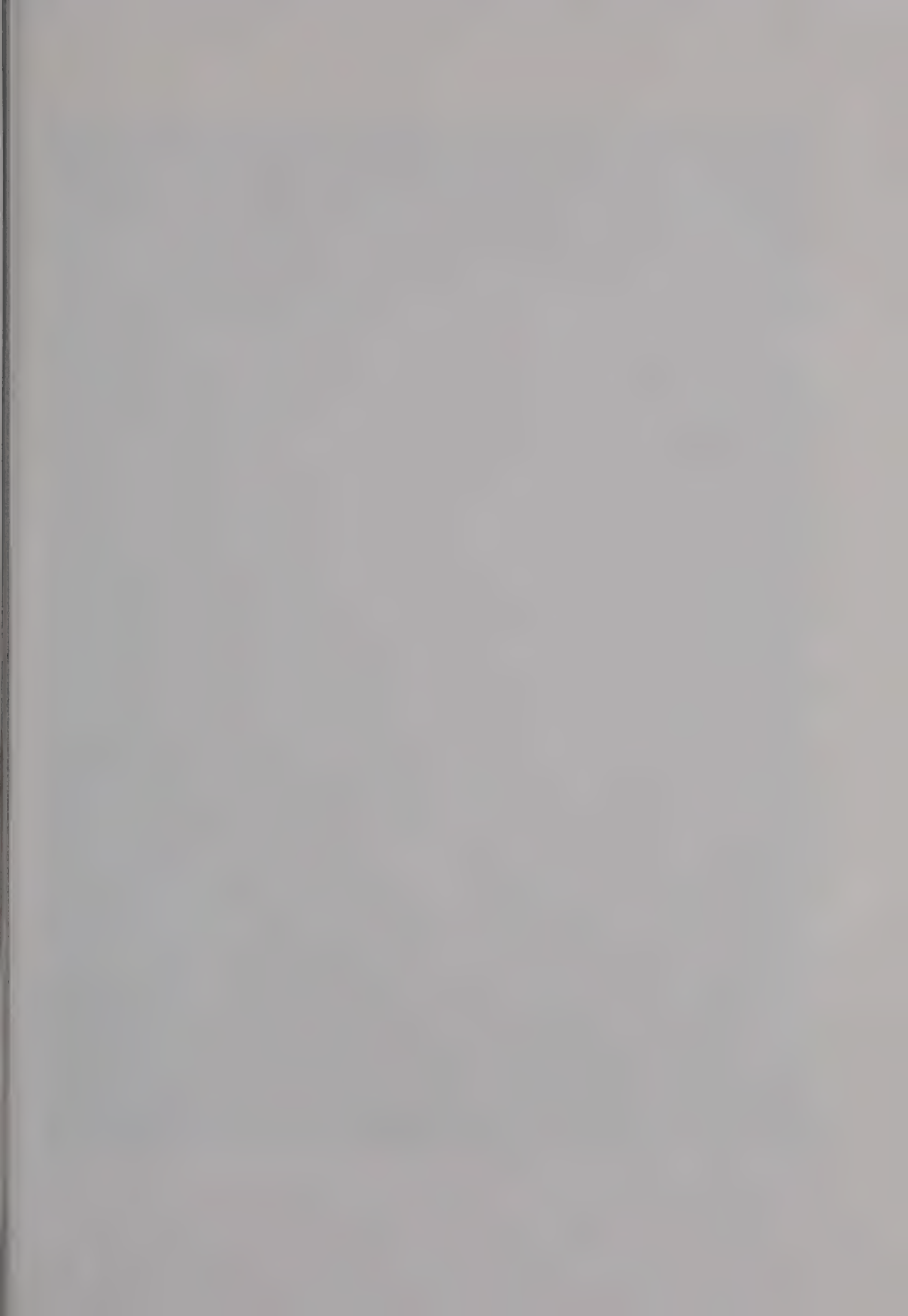
During World War I, Mr. Farmer served with the 36th Battalion Railway Engineers, most of the time with the American Expeditionary Force, holding the rank of sergeant. Mr. Farmer attends the Raleigh Court Methodist Church. Politically, he is an independent.

At Roanoke, Virginia, May 6, 1928, Thomas H. Farmer married Frances Saunders, who was born in that city. She is a daughter of George G. and Betty (McGhee) Saunders, both of whom came from Bedford. Mr. and Mrs. Farmer have a son, Julian B., born in Roanoke.

JOHN WOODFIN BURRESS—In the construction machinery business in his own name since 1932, John Woodfin Burress has contributed vitally to the industrial and commercial life of Roanoke. He is active in many of his city's civic, welfare and social organizations.

Mr. Burress was born in Richmond on June 26, 1896, son of John Woodfin and Susan Chinn (Withers) Burress. His father, an investment banker, born in Buckingham County, February 22, 1862, was a citizen of Richmond during the years of his successful career, and died in February, 1911. His wife was a native of Campbell County, born in 1864, and she died in September, 1916.

Their son, also named John Woodfin, attended the public schools and McGuire School, after which for two years he studied at Virginia Military Institute. Before having an opportunity to make a start in the business world, Mr. Burress entered military service at the time of World War I, and held the rank of first lieutenant with the 157th French Division, 371st Infantry. He was with the American Expeditionary Force for ten months, in the Champagne sector and the Meuse-Argonne. At the former location he was wounded, and was awarded the Purple Heart.





Percy D. Miller

On receiving his honorable discharge from the army, Mr. Burrress returned with the Aluminum Corporation of America, with which he had been identified briefly before entering the service. Thereafter, Mr. Burrress entered the employ of Street Brothers, a machine works located at Chattanooga, Tennessee. There during the ensuing years he gained the experience necessary to enter business for himself. His purpose was to organize a concern for dealing in construction machinery, and this he did in Roanoke in 1932. Mr. Burrress' company is operated under his own name. Among its products are complex equipment for all types of construction work, mining equipment, shovels and air compressors.

He is a member of the Roanoke Chamber of Commerce, is chairman of the local chapter of the American Red Cross, and was that organization's fund chairman for Roanoke County during World War II. He belongs to the Roanoke Country Club, the Shenandoah Club, the Commonwealth Club of Richmond, and the posts of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He is an Episcopalian, and serves his church as superintendent of the Sunday school and as junior warden. In his politics, Mr. Burrress is a Democrat.

At Wichita, Kansas, November 26, 1930, John Woodfin Burrress married Glenna O'Connell, who was born in Oswego, Kansas, November 26, 1907. Her father, Daniel O'Connell, was a native of Dublin, Ireland. Mr. and Mrs. Burrress are the parents of three children: 1. Susan Withers, born in Bluefield, West Virginia. 2. Nancy O'Connell. 3. John Woodfin, 3rd. The two younger children were born in Roanoke.

LEWIS NEILL BARTON, JR.—Widely recognized as one of Winchester's active business men, Lewis Neill Barton, Jr., serves as office manager of The Valley Service Station, Inc., in this community.

Mr. Barton was born November 11, 1894, in Winchester, Virginia, son of Lewis Neill and Elizabeth (Cover) Barton. The former, born near Kernstown, Virginia, was an officer of the Farmers' and Merchants' National Bank of Winchester, and was also prominent in civic affairs, notably as a member of the Winchester City Council and in other official capacities. He was a Democrat in his political views, and continued active in different phases of Winchester and Virginia life until his death, December 1, 1904.

Lewis Neill Barton, Jr., began his formal education at the school of Miss Virginia Sherrard in

1900, continuing his studies there until 1904. In 1904 and 1905 he studied with Miss Margaret Dame, and from 1905 to 1907 was a student at Fort Loudoun Seminary. He then entered Shenandoah Valley Academy, where he was graduated on June 7, 1911. In June of 1912 he was graduated from Woodberry Forest School, at Woodberry Forest, Virginia. On June 15, 1916, Mr. Barton received his degree as a chemical engineer from the University of Virginia. In that same year he began his service as a chemist with the Aluminum Ore Company, in East St. Louis, Illinois. Determining to take up teaching as a profession, Mr. Barton began as a mathematics, history and science instructor at Shenandoah Valley Academy in 1917, remaining there in that capacity for eighteen years. Then, returning to business, he became officer manager of The Valley Service Station, Inc., in Winchester, in June, 1935.

Since that time Mr. Barton has successfully continued his activities in connection with this firm, while at the same time he has interested himself in a wide range of civic, social and fraternal affairs in this region of the Valley. He is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which order he is affiliated with the Royal Arch chapter and with the Knights Templar commandery. During World War I he served in the army, entering Company F, Second Training and Replacement Battalion, at Camp Lee, Virginia, in June, 1918, and remaining there until October. In October and November, 1918, he was with the Twenty-fifth Training Battery of Field Artillery, at the Officers' Candidate School, Camp Zachary Taylor, Kentucky. Mr. Barton is a member of Christ Episcopal Church, in Winchester.

Lewis Neill Barton, Jr., married Mary Miller, daughter of Godfrey O. and Louise (Waters) Miller. Her father was born in Winchester, and her mother in Washington, D. C. Mr. Barton is the parent of a daughter, Anne Cover Barton, who was born in Winchester on August 13, 1926.

PERCY DELVIN MILLER of Winchester has been successfully identified with a number of enterprises in that city during his career. His primary business connection is with the firm of Miller and Anderson, located on Boscowen Street, engaged in plumbing and heating contracting, and in the sale of oil burners and electrical appliances. Mr. Miller has done important work on behalf of his city, particularly in connection with its utilities.

Mount Washington, Maryland, was Mr. Miller's birthplace. A son of Frank and Martha (Stoffer) Miller, he was born February 18, 1887, and received his education in the Coffman Public School in Frederick County. Early in his career, Mr. Miller engaged in farming and cattle raising. He was later associated with Covers Tannery in Moorefield, West Virginia. For seven or eight years thereafter, he was connected with the D. H. Hartman Plumbing Company in Winchester, gaining while there valuable experience in the field in which he was later to achieve marked success.

In July, 1911, he formed, with a partner, the firm of Miller and Anderson, a plumbing and heating establishment which has continued under that name to the present time. William Anderson, Mr. Miller's partner in this enterprise, died September 23, 1919, and Mr. Miller has since carried the responsibility for the company's management. In addition to carrying on the line of practical endeavor in which it has been engaged since its founding, Miller and Anderson retails such home equipment as oil burners and electrical appliances, among the latter being the nationally known Kelvinator and Philco lines.

Mr. Miller's practical abilities, as well as his success in the business sphere, have brought him ample opportunity for service to his community. He was instrumental in negotiating and effecting the construction of Winchester's water supply system, and is chairman of the water and sewer committee of the city council. On that body he has served for twenty-four years, a notable record, and he is now its vice-president. In the field of banking, Mr. Miller is a director of the Virginia Loan and Thrift Corporation.

During World War I, he served his country in the uniform of the United States Army, being a machine gunner in the 320th Infantry, 80th Division. He had an exceptional record of combat time, serving in all the major battles in France. He received his honorable discharge in 1919.

Mr. Miller is a member of the National Plumbing Association. Fraternal activities constitute much of his social life, and he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and the Knights of Pythias. As a veteran of World War I, Mr. Miller is a member of the Conrad Hoover Post No. 21, American Legion, and of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He is also a Rotarian. He is of Protestant faith, and is a Democrat in his political convictions.

In Baltimore, Maryland, in 1917, Percy Delvin Miller married Cora Lee Haymaker, daughter of

George W. and Rebecca Haymaker. Mr. and Mrs. Miller reside at 505 Courtfield Avenue, Winchester.

CLAUDE RICHARD CAMMER—Finding a rewarding and constructive occupation in the automotive field, Claude Richard Cammer has managed a service station dealing wholesale in automobile parts in the vicinity of Winchester since shortly after the close of World War I. The enterprise, under his intelligent direction, has grown steadily, and there is now a branch outlet in Harrisonburg. As a successful business man, Mr. Cammer has lent his abilities to other commercial undertakings, holding office in several banks and identifying himself with worth-while community activities.

Mr. Cammer is a son of Charles A. and Freddie M. (Richard) Cammer. His father, who was born in Frederick County, Virginia, in 1867, followed the occupation of country merchant. He was a Democrat in his politics. Charles A. Cammer died in March, 1919. His wife, the former Freddie M. Richard, was also a native of Frederick County, born June 7, 1867. Frederick County was also the locality in which Claude Richard Cammer received his early education. He then entered the Shenandoah Military Academy in the class of 1911; and he is a graduate of Virginia Military Institute, class of 1915, with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering.

Shortly after Mr. Cammer had completed his formal education, he enlisted for service in World War I, serving from May, 1917 to January, 1919, and shipping overseas with the 1st Division, Company D, 2nd Machine Gun Battalion. With this outfit he held the rank of first lieutenant. Among the engagements in which he participated were those of the Picardy Front and the Soissons Front. He was wounded in the latter sector and awarded the Purple Heart.

Returning from war service, Mr. Cammer established, in May, 1919, the enterprise with which he has since been identified—the Valley Service Station, Inc. He was one of those men of foresight who had faith in the future of the automobile industry, and his business has grown with it. His more recent development, a branch store in Harrisonburg, is evidence of this growth. The firm carries on a much more extensive business than that which we usually associate with the service station. Engaged in the wholesaling of automobile parts, it gives employment to sixty-seven persons. It stocks a most varied line of equipment.

In the field of banking, Mr. Cammer is president of the Winchester Building and Loan Association, and a director of the Shenandoah Valley National Bank. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary, and the Conrad-Hoover Post of the American Legion. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Blue Lodge of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, the Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons, the Commandery of the Knights Templar, and Acca Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a communicant of the Presbyterian Church, and serves his congregation as deacon. In his politics, Mr. Cammer is a Democrat.

In Washington, D. C., June 4, 1917, Claude Richard Cammer married Alda Leatherman, a native of Winchester, Virginia, and daughter of Richard Benjamin and Sarah Cather Leatherman. Mr. and Mrs. Cammer are the parents of a daughter, Margaret Ann, born in Winchester, September 1, 1926. The family resides in that city.

JOHN FREDERICK LARRICK—An attorney at law practicing in Winchester, Virginia, John Frederick Larrick has launched himself upon a rewarding and promising career while still a young man. Recently returned from active World War II service with the United States Army, in which he attained the rank of lieutenant colonel, Mr. Larrick has distinguished himself among his colleagues, as well as in the activities of his community.

Born October 1, 1917, John Frederick Larrick is a native of Baltimore, Maryland, and a son of Frederick Joseph and Anna C. (Chambers) Larrick. His father is a retired employee of the United States Government, and a veteran of World War I. Prominent in the civic affairs of Middletown, where he now makes his home, Frederick Joseph Larrick is former mayor of that city, and ex-chairman of the Frederick County school board.

The family had moved to Middletown before the completion of John Frederick Larrick's preliminary schooling, and he graduated from the high school there in 1936. In 1940 he received the degree of Bachelor of Science in Chemistry at the Virginia Military Institute, but his war experience intervened before he was able to conclude his education. He had in the meantime determined upon a career in the law, and his degree of Bachelor of Laws was granted by the University of Virginia in 1948.

Mr. Larrick entered the United States Army with a commission as second lieutenant on April

7, 1940, and his term of active duty extended to April 1, 1946, when he was placed on inactive status in the rank of lieutenant colonel. He served overseas in the European Theater of Operations as Division Artillery S-2 officer assigned to the 70th Infantry Division, participated in the Rhineland and Central Germany campaigns, and was awarded the Bronze Star Medal. He had attended, and graduated from, the Field Artillery, Armored Force, Engineer, and Chemical Warfare schools; and served in the 16th Field Artillery and the Division Artillery of the 2nd Cavalry Division and the 9th Armored Division, and Command B of the 16th Armored Division.

On concluding his professional training in 1948, and being admitted to the bar, John Frederick Larrick joined his brother James R. Larrick (q.v.) in a general practice of law in Winchester, under the firm name of Larrick and Larrick. On March 1, 1950, this partnership was dissolved and Mr. Larrick became a member of the firm of Harrison-Benham and Thomas. John Frederick Larrick is a member of the Virginia State Bar and the Virginia Bar Association, and of Sigma Nu Phi legal fraternity.

Locally, he is identified with the Exchange Club of Winchester, the Conrad-Hoover Post of the American Legion, and the Rotary International in Strasburg. He is a member of the lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and of the Virginia Military Institute Sportsmen's Club. In his religious faith, Mr. Larrick is a Methodist.

In Strasburg, Virginia, July 1, 1941, John Frederick Larrick married Helen Owen Kline, daughter of William Russell and Maud (Miller) Kline. Mr. and Mrs. Larrick reside at 218 West King Street in Strasburg; and his office address is 33 East Boscawen Street, Winchester.

JAMES RANDOLPH LARRICK—A young attorney who has recently begun practice of his profession in Winchester, Virginia, is James Randolph Larrick, whose abilities and training give every promise of a successful career. Also trained in chemical engineering, Mr. Larrick is active in professional circles in that field. He is a veteran of World War II, and has been established in practice in Winchester since 1949.

Mr. Larrick was born July 10, 1920, and is a son of Frederick Joseph and Anna C. (Chambers) Larrick. His father, a retired government employee, is also a veteran of World War I. James R. Larrick passed the years of his boyhood and youth in Middletown, and graduated from the

high school in that city in 1938. His college career was interrupted by his being called to the colors at the time of World War II, and he enlisted in the United States Army, attained the rank of captain with the 1269th Engineer Combat Battalion, and participated in the Battle of the Rhine and the Southern Germany campaign. On completing his studies at Virginia Polytechnic Institute in 1947, he received the degree of Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering; but he has used his technical knowledge as a supplemental qualification in the field of law. Continuing with professional studies in that field, he was granted the degree of Bachelor of Laws by Washington and Lee University in 1949.

Mr. Larrick has since practiced in Winchester, with offices at 33 East Boscawen Street, at first in partnership with his brother, John Frederick Larrick (q.v.) in the firm of Larrick and Larrick. This partnership was dissolved on March 1, 1950.

He is a member of the Virginia State Bar, the Virginia Bar Association, and the American Bar Association, as well as Phi Alpha Delta honorary legal fraternity; and belongs also to the Exchange Club of Winchester, the American Society of Chemical Engineers, in which he is a sergeant-at-arms, and to the American Chemical Society. In his religious faith, Mr. Larrick is a Methodist.

At Winchester, Virginia, July 29, 1948, James Randolph Larrick married Jane Russel Cather, daughter of Thomas Russel and Edna May Cather.

HARRY WILLIAM BUTLER, of Winchester, heads an enterprise of the type for which the Shenandoah Valley is noted, although few such concerns can claim as widespread merchandising connections as the firm of H. W. Butler and Brother, apple growers, packers and shippers. The firm is an outgrowth of the Butler agricultural enterprises. Harry W. Butler owns over two thousand acres devoted to general farming, including nearly twelve hundred acres of orchards. He is an important figure in fraternal affairs in his community.

Mr. Butler was born in Frederick County, Virginia, on March 11, 1893. He is a son of Joseph Luther and Laura (Yeakley) Butler. His father, a merchant in Frederick County, was born at White Hall, Virginia, in 1851, and died in 1903. His wife the former Laura Yeakley was a native of Frederick.

Harry William Butler attended the public schools of Frederick County. He has been associated from early life with agricultural enter-

prises, and soon after undertaking farming and orchard culture in his own name, he was recognized as one of the foremost apple producers of the area. His orchards, which comprise eleven hundred and thirty acres, also produce other fruit, such as cherries, peaches and plums. An outcome of Mr. Butler's efforts in the direction of agriculture has been the present packing plant operated under the name of H. W. Butler and Brother. At the height of the season the farm and packing plant employ over three hundred persons; and forty are on the payroll on a year-round basis. The brand name under which H. W. Butler and Brother pack their products is the "Diamond B. & B." The family enterprise has continued in its present form since 1910, or from the time its executive head was seventeen years of age. In conjunction with the farming operations three hundred head of cattle are raised, and approximately eight hundred acres of the Butler holdings are devoted to general farming and stock raising. The operations of the packing plant are not entirely dependent upon the output of the orchards owned by Mr. Butler, for the firm is a large-scale buyer of the fruit produced in the locality, thereby figuring as a significant factor in the economic stability of the region. The firm is headed by Mr. Butler, his wife, M. B. Butler, and his two sons, Joseph Elliott Butler and Harry William Butler, Jr. The apples and other fruit grown on their own acreage, and the crops contracted for throughout the area, are nearly all packed at the Winchester plant, and the firm has direct connections with domestic markets, English markets and other foreign markets, so that a large part of the plant's output goes abroad.

Mr. Butler served in the United States Army during World War I, being assigned to the 313th Machine Gun Battalion, 80th Division. He enlisted November 17, 1917, and served until June, 1919, holding the rank of second lieutenant during most of that time. He is a Past Commander of the American Legion Post.

Among organizations of the trade in which Harry William Butler holds membership are the Frederick County Fruit Growers Association, the International Apple Association, and the Appalachian Apple Service. He is active in promoting the Shenandoah Apple Blossom Festival, Inc., and he has served the Frederick County Fruit Growers Association as director. He is also a director of the Farmers Livestock Exchange, Green Chemical Company, and the Virginia Apple Cold Storage.

Mr. Butler is active fraternally, being identified with the lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks as a Past Exalted Ruler and Honorary Life Member. He is a member of the Kiwanis. He is communicant of the Braddock Street Methodist Church.

In Winchester, Virginia, December 7, 1920, Harry William Butler married Marguerite F. Barr, a native of Stephens City, Virginia, and the daughter of Elliott and Minnie (Smith) Barr, both of Stephens City. To Mr. and Mrs. Butler have been born three children: 1. Joseph Elliott, who was born in Winchester, Virginia, September 27, 1921. After beginning his education in the local schools he entered Virginia Polytechnic Institute, from which he graduated in 1943, with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Horticulture. He served during World War II in the United States Marines, 16th Anti-aircraft Battalion, with the rank of first lieutenant, and participated in the invasion of Tinian and Okinawa, in the Pacific theater. Joseph Elliott Butler enlisted for service January 28, 1943, and received his honorable discharge on January 27, 1946. He is an officer in the Elks Lodge, past director of the Kiwanis Club, a director of the Frederick County Fruit Growers Association, member of the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve Officers Association, and a communicant of the Braddock Street Methodist Church.

On April 21, 1946, Joseph Elliott Butler married Nancy Randolph Harrell, of Emporia, Virginia, and they are the parents of two children, Helen Randolph, born at Winchester, March 25, 1947, and Joseph Thomas, born at Winchester, September 23, 1949.

2. Harry William, Jr., born March 26, 1924. Enlisting in the United States Army at the time of World War II, he was assigned to the 106th Division, Headquarters Company, First Battalion of the 424th Regiment. He participated in the Rhineland campaign, and those of central Germany, northern France, and the Ardennes sector, and received the Bronze Star Medal and two Oak Leaf Clusters for heroic achievement. This was in consequence of his bravery in encouraging his company in a difficult defensive position near Bracht, Belgium. Sergeant Butler and others checked rumors that a withdrawal had been ordered, found they were false, and prevailed upon the men defending the position to remain. "This," reads Sergeant Butler's citation, "prevented the entire area from falling into enemy hands at a time when delaying the enemy was im-

perative. Sgt. Butler helped pin down enemy infantrymen two hundred yards in front of him who tried to break through. For three days, he effectively used the machine gun protecting the left flank and by his alertness aided greatly in holding the enemy off. Sgt. Butler's high courage and excellent ability was consistent through this action and many others that followed." Harry W. Butler, Jr., had enlisted in the army on January 30, 1943, and was discharged November 16, 1945. He served as commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post No. 213, during 1947-1948, and is also a member of the American Legion. He is a member of the Winchester County Democratic Committee, The Winchester Recreation Council, the Alumni Association of Virginia Polytechnic Institute, class of 1946, and the Northern Virginia Chapter, the 106th Infantry Division Association, the Military Order of the Cootie, the Commanders Club, Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Kiwanis Club, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks No. 867, and the Izaak Walton League of America. He is also a member of the Winchester Country Club, and of the Frederick County Fruit Growers Association. Harry W. Butler, Jr., is the newly elected councilman of the first ward. He married Rose Ellen Ramsburg of Berryville, Virginia, October 22, 1945, and they are the parents of one child, Harry William, III, born February 18, 1947.

3. Anne Elizabeth, born February 27, 1928. She attended public schools, and graduated from Southern Seminary and Junior College, Buena Vista, Virginia, with the "1950" Class. Miss Butler represented her college as princess in The Court of Queen Shenandoah XIII, The Annual Apple Blossom Festival held in Winchester. She represented the State Horticultural Society as "Miss Apple" at the National Food Show in Baltimore in 1949.

FREDERICK W. STURM—Engaged in one of the most vital industries of his part of the Shenandoah Valley, Frederick W. Sturm is secretary of the firm which was founded by his father, and which bears the name of Fred F. Sturm and Company, Inc. It specializes in raising, buying and selling apples, and is a conspicuous employer of help in the Winchester area, particularly during the harvesting season. Fred F. Sturm, the founder, is president. His son, subject of this sketch, is also prominent in fraternal affairs of his home community.

Although leading most of his life and finding his career in the agricultural regions of the

Shenandoah Valley, Frederick W. Sturm was born in a metropolitan area, Brooklyn, New York, which one-time city is now a borough of New York City. His father is also a native of Brooklyn, where he was born August 29, 1882. Frederick W. received his early education in the public schools of Brooklyn. He later attended Carson Long Preparatory School.

Mr. Frederick W. Sturm first became associated with his father in business in New York City. There, they engaged in the buying of apples for distribution on the market. In 1934, they determined to devote their attention instead to the production aspect of the same business, and accordingly opened a plant in Winchester, Virginia, which they found to be a likely spot for such an enterprise, and a notable territory for the production of high quality apples. They now grow the fruit as well as sell it to the market, and have developed an extensive trade through buying other crops throughout the locality, which makes theirs a large-scale marketing enterprise. During the peak season, the Sturms employ about one hundred and fifty people in picking, processing and shipping their apples, and even in the less active seasons of the year, at least twenty-five are on the payroll. The Sturm enterprise owns and operates three hundred and fifty acres of orchards; but the production of this acreage is only a small part of the total which they handle.

Frederick W. Sturm is an independent in his politics, and is a member of the Izaak Walton League. He is connected locally with the Winchester Chamber of Commerce and the Winchester Country Club. Fraternally, he is a member of the Knights of Columbus lodge, and he keeps contact with his colleagues in the trade through membership in the International Apple Growers Association. He is of Roman Catholic faith.

In New York City, June 23, 1935, Frederick W. Sturm married Rita M. Herzog, who is a native of Brooklyn, New York. Her parents are Ross and Josephine Herzog. Mr. and Mrs. Sturm are the parents of four children, all born in Winchester, Virginia: Barbara, Peter, Virginia, and Stephen.

THOMAS G. SCULLY, who has practiced law in Winchester since 1936, is a partner in the firm of Scully and Woltz. He is active in politics, being the Democratic county chairman; and he served his country during World War II, with the First Armored Division in Italy.

Born March 25, 1913, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, he has lived in Winchester since childhood. Mr. Scully is a son of John Sullivan and Mary (Gillespie) Scully. His father, a native of Pittsburgh, was born October 10, 1873. He is still living, although retired from active business. He served in World War I, being attached to the 85th Division with the Young Men's Christian Association.

Thomas G. Scully attended the Shenandoah Valley Academy and Mercersburg Academy, after which he went to Princeton, class of 1935. He is a graduate of the University of Virginia Law School, class of 1936, degree of Bachelor of Laws. Admitted to the Virginia bar July 8, 1936, Thomas G. Scully began the practice of law in Winchester. His only interruption in practice has been during the period of World War II.

Enlisting in the United States Army March 10, 1942, Thomas G. Scully was assigned to the First Armored Division, Sixth Armored Infantry Regiment. Joining the division at the time of the Anzio Beachhead, he led an infantry platoon until the fall of 1944, when he lost a leg and was hospitalized home. Thomas G. Scully held the rank of first lieutenant. He was discharged from the service on August 20, 1946, and wears the Bronze Star and two Purple Hearts.

On his return to civilian life, Thomas G. Scully resumed the practice of law in Winchester. In 1947 he joined Robert K. Woltz in the formation of a legal partnership, Scully and Woltz.

Mr. Scully is a member of the Virginia Bar Association and Phi Kappa Psi fraternity. Locally, he is a member of the Winchester Chamber of Commerce and the Winchester Country Club, and the posts of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

In Winchester, Virginia, January 30, 1942, Thomas G. Scully married Beall Bentley Thomas, of Winchester, daughter of Thomas Irving and Helen Davis (Tucker) Thomas. Her father is the manager of the Winchester Cold Storage. Mr. and Mrs. Scully are the parents of three children: 1. Thomas G., born in Winchester, December 21, 1943. 2. Helen Tucker, born May 20, 1945. 3. Katherine Bentley, born March 10, 1950.

HOWARD ALEXANDER SPANGLER — As head of the Spangler Farms, Howard Alexander Spangler operates six farm properties in Harrison-



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burg, all worked under one management, where he also conducts a grain storage business in conjunction with a similar enterprise at Front Royal. Much of his grain storage work is for the Federal government.

Mr. Spangler was born July 5, 1896, in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, son of Samuel George and Mary Etta (Oyler) Spangler. His father was engaged in the fertilizer business in Gettysburg, operating the Central Chemical Corporation there. His mother died May 19, 1949, at Gettysburg.

Schools of Gettysburg, his Pennsylvania birthplace, provided Howard Alexander Spangler's preliminary education, and he was graduated from high school in 1915. He attended Gettysburg College for two years, and started his business career in association with his father in 1919, engaging at that time in the manufacture of fertilizers, insecticides, and feed. From Gettysburg he moved to York, Pennsylvania, in 1926, continuing, until 1930, in the automobile supply business in York. He came to Harrisonburg in 1929 and became associated here with the Davison Chemical Corporation, whose headquarters were in Baltimore. The Central Chemical Corporation of Virginia was then founded for the purpose of taking over, by purchase, the Davison Chemical Corporation's plants in Harrisonburg, Elkton, and Crimora. All these fertilizer plants are now operated under the name of the Central Chemical Corporation of Virginia, although Mr. Spangler continued his connection with this company only until 1947, when he sold his holdings.

Since that time he has devoted his attention mainly to his farming activities, conducting the Spangler Farms, consisting of six properties in this region of the Valley. He owns 800 acres in all, and raises Angus cattle, including sixty dairy cows, shipping milk to Harrisonburg and vicinity. He bought the first Hampshire hogs ever brought to the Valley, and now owns two hundred head of them, as well as one hundred head of sheep. His grain storage activities represent a further department of the work of this busy citizen. Recently, Mr. Spangler and two of his sons, Howard Eugene and Samuel George, formed a partnership which covers ownership of all stock, equipment, and production of the Spangler Farms.

Mr. Spangler is active in many local organizations, including the Ruritan Club, of which he is a director, and formerly he was president of the Ruritan national organization. He is also active in Rotary Club work, and is a past president of the United Commercial Travelers. During World

War I, Mr. Spangler was attached to the army. Enlisting on September 4, 1918, he was stationed at Camp Greenleaf, Georgia, then was for a time in New York. Both at Camp Greenleaf and Camp Upton, he was with the Medical Replacement Unit, with which he was assigned to the 150th Field Artillery Regiment, Forty-second ("Rainbow") Division, whose record on foreign fields is now a famous chapter in American military history. Entering the service as a private, he was honorably discharged with the rank of private first class. Today Mr. Spangler maintains memberships in both the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He belongs to the Presbyterian Church.

Howard Alexander Spangler married, May 18, 1918, in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, Marguerite Mumma Tipton, daughter of June Francis and Ella Eugenia (Mumma) Tipton. Her father was born at Gettysburg on March 21, 1856, and died on February 1, 1941; her mother, born at Bendersville, Pennsylvania, on February 6, 1857, died in February, 1948. Mr. and Mrs. Spangler are the parents of four children, and they have ten grandchildren at the time of writing, three grandsons and seven granddaughters. The four children are: 1. Howard Eugene, born on February 27, 1919, who served as a captain in the Infantry during World War II. He married Franzie Lucas, who was born in Blacksburg, Virginia, and they have three children: Patricia Jene, born in Mineral Wells, Texas; Thomas Howard, born in Harrisonburg, Virginia; and Franzie, also born in Harrisonburg. 2. Samuel George, born August 16, 1921, who became a major in the United States Army during World War II. He married Peggie Rhodes, who was born in Harrisonburg, Virginia, and they have five children: Caroline Louise, born in Harrisonburg; Samuel George, III, born in Spartanburg, South Carolina; Margaret Suella, born in Harrisonburg; Lucretia Jane, also born in Harrisonburg; and Barbara Rhodes, born, too, in Harrisonburg. 3. John Francis, born March 31, 1923, who was a supply officer in the United States Army Medical Corps during World War II, and is now practicing veterinary medicine at Hot Springs, Arkansas. He married Jean Spitzer, born in Harrisonburg, and they have one child, Jaqueline, born in Baltimore, Maryland. 4. Richard Edwin, born November 15, 1925, who served in the United States Navy for one and one-half years during World War II. He married Norma Lee Wenger, born in Harrisonburg, and they have

one son, Richard Edwin, Jr. All four sons are now in the Reserve Corps of the National Defense Department.

MARY BALDWIN COLLEGE—In 1942 Mary Baldwin College celebrated a century of excellent service to girls and the public at large as an educational center. It is beautifully located at Staunton, in the historic Shenandoah Valley. It is adequately supplied with buildings, courses, faculty and organizations for the work it does, but could expand its undertakings with larger funds and endowments. As regards its history the college publications speak for themselves, as follows:

Mary Baldwin College is the oldest institution of higher learning for women in continuous existence related to the Presbyterian Church in the United States. It was founded in 1842 as Augusta Female Seminary by the Rev. Rufus W. Bailey, a minister and educator from the State of Maine.

Mr. Bailey, after several years spent in educational work in the South, became convinced that a good Presbyterian seminary for the young women of the South should be established, and that a suitable location for the school would be Staunton, Virginia. Accordingly, he presented his plan to the ministers and members of the Presbyterian churches of Staunton and Augusta County. The idea was approved, a self-perpetuating board of control was set up, and, in the autumn of 1842, Augusta Female Seminary opened, with Mr. Bailey as the first principal.

Mr. Bailey remained Principal of the Seminary until his resignation during the 1849-50 session. His regime is important because it laid the principles of the high and sound standards for which the institution was to be known throughout the years. It was in 1845, under Mr. Bailey's administration, that the first charter was granted to the Seminary by the Legislature of Virginia. In 1844, the building which is now known as the Administration Building was erected.

The history of the Seminary is rather uneventful in the years between Mr. Bailey's administration and the outbreak of the Civil War. Then, in 1863, at a time when it took unusual courage and ingenuity to keep any school open in the Shenandoah Valley, then continually a battleground for the armies of the Union and the Southern Confederacy, Miss Mary Julia Baldwin became the principal of Augusta Female Seminary, with Miss Agnes R. McClung as her assistant. When Miss Baldwin assumed charge of the institution, she was given complete control of

the policies to be adopted, and her administration proved the wisdom of this action. Through Miss Baldwin's resourcefulness and determination, the work of the Seminary continued when every other school in Staunton was forced to close; and toward the end of the Reconstruction period and in the days immediately following, the Seminary once more began to expand and prosper.

For thirty-four years Miss Baldwin was Principal of the Seminary. During this time the academic level of the courses was gradually raised until the Seminary curriculum for the higher classes was in most departments the parallel of that of standard colleges and universities. In 1895, two years before her death, the name of the institution which she had served so long and faithfully was changed, at the request of the Board of Trustees and by act of the Legislature of Virginia, from Augusta Female Seminary to Mary Baldwin Seminary, an acknowledgment of "high appreciation of the valuable services and unparalleled success of the Principal." At Miss Baldwin's death, Mary Baldwin Seminary received the bulk of her property, which, added to the material gifts already received from the same source, amounted to a substantial endowment.

The Seminary continued to progress after Miss Baldwin's death, under the leadership of Miss Ella C. Weimar, and later under Miss Marianna P. Higgins. In 1914, it became a junior college. Since for the better part of a century Mary Baldwin as a seminary has been doing educational work of senior college level, it was only natural that the junior college experiment would be short-lived. Consequently, with the necessary charter amendments, Mary Baldwin came again into its educational heritage and became finally a four-year college in 1923, the name of the institution becoming Mary Baldwin College. The preparatory department received less emphasis, and it was discontinued entirely after the session of 1928-29.

Those early years as a four-year college saw another experiment in organization and control. Departing from a traditional policy of some seventy-five or eighty years, that of an independent, self-perpetuating board, the college came under a more direct control by the Presbyterian Synod of Virginia in 1923. By common consent of the college board and the Presbyterian Church, it was agreed in 1938 that the college should again assume its historic position as an independent institution, governed by a self-perpetuating board, affiliated with the Presbyterian Church in Vir-

ginia, which still remains as a sustaining group of the college, with an abiding Christian influence.

As a standard liberal arts college, Mary Baldwin has had three Presidents—Dr. A. M. Fraser, who became President in 1923, Dr. L. Wilson Jarman, President from 1929 until his retirement in 1946, and Dr. Frank Bell Lewis who was inaugurated as the third President in 1947. In 1929 a thorough reorganization of the college was begun, the laboratories and library were enlarged, and other changes were made to meet the requirements of accrediting agencies. As a result, during the season of 1931-32 Mary Baldwin College was admitted to full membership in the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, the Association of American Colleges, and the American Council on Education. In 1938 the institution was placed on the approved list of the Association of American Universities and in 1941 became a member of the American Association of University Women.

Through the years since its founding, this institution, known successively as Augusta Female Seminary, Mary Baldwin Seminary, and Mary Baldwin College, has maintained a reputation for high scholarship and Christian ideals. In this country and in foreign lands there are many women prominent in social, business, professional, and religious fields who claim Mary Baldwin as their Alma Mater.

Mary Baldwin College was established by Christian leaders who had come to recognize, more than a century ago, the possibilities for good in the education of women. It was originally intended to carry forward with religious and intellectual sincerity whatever studies and activities promised most for the physical, mental and spiritual development of the students. This purpose has remained constant throughout the years, though new means have been constantly employed for its achievement. The college today retains that high seriousness with which the founders undertook their task.

The Christian purpose of the college is positively and proudly affirmed, and no opportunity to strengthen its Christian character and influence is willfully neglected. Throughout its history the college has been effectively associated with the Presbyterian Church. It has, however, successfully avoided a narrow denominationalism.

Mary Baldwin is essentially a liberal arts college. It is more concerned for the development and enrichment of the whole life of its students than for the promotion of any single phase of

that life or any single field of study. The academic courses, the religious observances, the social program, and all the varied activities of the college are chosen and directed to provide that breadth of culture necessary to the good life, and prerequisite to the attainments of true competence in any specialized field of study. Training of a vocational nature, always desirable and often necessary, is made available in a number of fields to students capable of receiving it without serious encroachment upon their general education.

JOSEPH EWART HEALY—As superintendent of the Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind, in Staunton, Joseph Ewart Healy has played an important role in this specialized field of education. He has done much to build the institution to its present standing as a center of education for this type of handicapped personality.

Mr. Healy was born October 18, 1888, near Church View, Middlesex County, Virginia. He taught school in Albemarle and Hanover counties, Virginia, as well as in the city of Richmond. After graduation from the College of William and Mary he taught for a time, then entered the armed forces for service during World War I. Honorably discharged from the service in 1919, he returned to teaching as principal of two elementary schools in Norfolk, afterward serving as principal of Blair Junior High School, in that city. Since the beginning of his active career in teaching, he has received a Master of Arts degree from Columbia University, New York City, and he has done everything in his power to add to his knowledge of his special branch of educational activity. While principal of Blair Junior High School in Norfolk he was organizer and director of the Norfolk Extension Division of the College of William and Mary until 1934. In 1938 Mr. Healy was elected president of the Virginia State Education Association. On September 1 of the following year, he became superintendent of the Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind, assuming the duties which have been his down to the time of writing.

Founded in 1839, the Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind was originally known as the Virginia Institute for the Education of the Deaf and Dumb and Blind. In 1898 the name was shortened to the Virginia School for the Education of the Deaf and Blind, and in the following year the form became simply the Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind. A board of visitors has been in charge of school policy from the beginning, with

a principal as the main administrative officer until 1896, when the office was retitled superintendent. The institution is a free school for white children of sound mind, totally deaf or blind or whose hearing or sight is too defective to permit ordinary public school attendance. Since the founding of the school in 1839, more than 2300 deaf pupils have been enrolled. The present enrollment of the school is 397 and there is a faculty of 69 members. The campus extends over 90 acres, and during Mr. Healy's superintendency great progress has been made in improving the physical plant of the institution, as well as in its general acceptability by state authorities. An expansion program, covering several years and approved by the State Division of the Budget, will result in a new girls' dormitory, an infirmary, a vocational building, a dormitory for older deaf boys, a recreational building and a modern refrigeration plant.

Both in Staunton and during his years of residence in Norfolk, Mr. Healy has figured prominently in civic affairs. In Norfolk he was director of the American Red Cross, was active in the Norfolk Anti-Tuberculosis Association, was a member of the board of directors of the Norfolk YMCA, and became a member of the Central Baptist Church. He is a member of the honorary Phi Beta Kappa fraternity and the Theta Delta Chi fraternity. In Staunton, he is a member of the Boy Scout Council, president of the Community Chest, ex-president and a board member of the Young Men's Christian Association, ex-president of the Rotary Club and a member of the Staunton United Service Organizations. To his other activities he has added considerable military service. During World War I he held the commission of second lieutenant, first entering the Richmond Light Infantry Blues of the Virginia National Guard and subsequently being ordered into federal service with that unit on June 19, 1916. Assigned to Brownsville, Texas, the "Blues" there became a provisional cavalry squadron, performing patrol duties in the Rio Grande Valley. Later Mr. Healy was sent to ground aviation school at Columbus, Ohio, where he received his commission. Then he was assigned to Kelly Field, near San Antonio, as military instructor, so continuing until honorably discharged on November 5, 1919, at Camp Lee, Virginia.

Joseph Ewart Healy married Lulu Driver, of Bridgewater, Virginia, daughter of Solomon and Lulu (McCarthy) Driver and a granddaughter of Edward McCarthy of Richmond. Mr. and Mrs. Healy became the parents of one child, Jerrie,

born June 4, 1924, attended Stuart Hall, graduated from William and Mary College, and married Allen J. Clay, Jr.

DUNSMORE BUSINESS COLLEGE—All over Virginia and bordering States there is a host of men who have become successful in business and industrial life who were students at Dunsmore Business College, in Staunton. The school, that has risen to the status of an honored institution, has for more than three-quarters of a century served the public and graduated into commercial life hundreds of men and women, who are worthy exponents of its effective instruction, in nearly every State in the Nation. The college is a monument to its founder, James Gaston Dunsmore.

Born at Sinks Grove, Monroe County, in what is now West Virginia, on October 22, 1948, James Gaston Dunsmore was the son of George Washington and Amanda Malvina (Crews) Dunsmore. Reared on his father's farm, he attended rural schools and later the Rock Point Academy at Sinks Grove. All this was prior to the War Between the States, and his education came rather from home studies than from schools. He left the farm in 1867 to become an assistant teacher at the academy.

At that period in American annals there were few commercial schools in the United States, and these located only in the larger cities. It was expensive to travel from distant places to these institutions and costs of tuition and living were too high for many boys and girls. James Gaston Dunsmore, believing that business training should be brought within the opportunities and means of the ambitious, decided that he would prepare himself for opening such a school in his home State. To this end he went to Poughkeepsie, New York, the home of one of the oldest and among the best reputed institutions, the Eastman Business College. Here he not only carried the regular courses, but used every opportunity to learn how to be a teacher of commercial subjects. Graduated on December 18, 1871, he returned to resume teaching in the Rocky Point Academy until he could finance the enterprise in which he was so keenly interested.

In February, 1872, James Gaston Dunsmore founded the Dunsmore Business College at Sinks Grove, when there were only one or two commercial schools within hundreds of miles. It ranks therefore, as one of the very oldest of its kind in the South. The school satisfied a great need and grew until it was necessary to seek a larger community and better facilities. In 1880, it was removed to

Staunton, where it has since functioned with exceptional efficiency. At first he associated his enterprise with the Hoover Select High School for boys and young men, but two years later established his school on a purely commercial basis. For five years while he was maintaining it, he taught classes in the Augusta Female Seminary, now the noted Mary Baldwin College, oldest Presbyterian institution for women in the United States.

These long early years were hard and testing, but the Dunsmore Business College grew until it required the whole attention of its founder. After 1887 he did no outside teaching. On November 29, 1884, the school had received a charter from the Virginia Legislature as a corporation. He remained at the head of the commercial school that bore his name until his death. Along the way, he was successful in securing capable instructors and administrators, among the outstanding of whom were Mr. John R. Eye and Mr. M. M. Edgar, of whom further.

James Gaston Dunsmore was so long ago as January 15, 1891, made a member of the Institute of Accountants, of New York City, of which he later became a Fellow. He likewise was a member of the National Association of Accountants and Bookkeepers. In 1907 he became affiliated with the National Geographic Society, of Washington, D. C. He was a Master Mason, affiliated with Lodge No. 13, Free and Accepted Masons; Chapter No. 2, Royal Arch Masons; and other bodies of Masonry including Acca Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He worshipped in the Presbyterian faith and was liberal of his time in supporting religious, charitable and educational activities.

Dunsmore Business College was purchased by John R. Eye and Morrison M. Edgar in 1921, and operated by them to the retirement of Mr. Eye in 1946, and the sale of the school in 1949. In 1901 an exceptionally fine brick building was erected to house the college, that is now owned by Mrs. M. M. Edgar. An average enrollment of three hundred students attends annually. Graduates have gone into all parts of the United States well prepared for the careers of their choice. Mr. Eye and Mr. Edgar are credited, deservedly, for the remarkable success of the institution.

JOHN R. EYE—In the successful development of the Dunsmore Business College in more recent years, the Eyes, man and wife, have played many eminently successful roles. John R. Eye was prin-

cipal of the institution in 1918 and was its co-owner from 1921 to 1949, when failing health caused him to dispose of his interest.

John R. Eye was born in Sugar Grove, West Virginia, in 1890, the youngest of the four children of George A. and Amanda (Sennett) Eye, both of whom are deceased. His father was a native of Pendleton County, Virginia, who spent his life in agriculture and was a substantial citizen in his community. John R. Eye attended the rural schools of his birthplace, and the Normal School, at Franklin, before completing his formal education at Madison College. Entering the Dunsmore Business College at Staunton, he was duly graduated with the degree of Master of Accountancy.

His first business employment of note was as a pay-roll clerk. Before long he became associated with Senator Guthrie in Louisiana. Then the United States became involved in World War I, and he enlisted in the United States Army in 1917. Assigned to an infantry unit he was with it in 1918, when he received his honorable discharge from the American Armed Forces. Previously he had gained some experience in teaching in Rockingham County schools, and after being separated from the Army came to Staunton, where he accepted a position with the Dunsmore Business College as head of the Commercial Department. Later he was appointed vice-president and secretary. In 1921 with Morrison M. Edgar, he purchased the school from Mr. Dunsmore and was continued in operation by them until 1941, when ill health caused Mr. Edgar's retirement. In personal affiliations, Mr. Eye was a member of the Staunton Kiwanis Club, and the Saints and Sinners Club.

Mrs. John R. Eye was long a guiding spirit and active participant in the work of the Dunsmore Business College. For years she managed much of the affairs of the institution, prior to its sale in 1949 to Paul Shull, of Washington, D. C.

John R. Eye married Alice M. (Splaun) Chaplin of Staunton, the daughter of William H. and Maggie (Feller) Splaun. By a previous marriage, she is the mother of Harry P. Chaplin, Jr., born in Hot Springs, Virginia, September 17, 1922. He was educated in Staunton public grade and high schools, and Dunsmore Business College. He enlisted for World War II in the Radar Division of the United States Army Air Force, and served three years, mostly at Guam. After his honorable discharge from the Army and his return to civilian life, he attended the University of Chicago before transferring to the University of Miami, in Florida, and currently is associated

with the Southern Electric Company. He married Mary Grove, and they have one son, William H. Chaplin.

Mrs. Eye is a member of the Presbyterian Church. She was in entire charge of the school, acting as manager, after the retirement of her husband in 1944.

LEWIS HENRY WELD—Operating one of the old-established firms in its line in his section of the Shenandoah Valley, Lewis Henry Weld is the founder as well as the president of the Crystal Spring Laundry Company, Inc., of Roanoke. The firm also performs dry cleaning, fur storage, and related services. The establishment, on Franklin Road at Elm, is well known to the people of Roanoke, and has earned their consistent patronage over a number of years.

Mr. Weld was born in Sandy Hook, Maryland, September 1, 1867, and is a son of George Henry and Emily Ann (Wilson). His father was a construction engineer by profession. Lewis Henry Weld obtained his education in the public schools of Sandy Hook, and later in the schools of western North Carolina.

After completing his formal education, Mr. Weld traveled for several years in various states as a sales representative. In 1906 he settled in Roanoke and established his present business under the name of Crystal Spring Laundry Company, Inc., of which he was at first treasurer. Mr. Weld was one of the pioneers in the dry cleaning business. He has been for many years the president of the concern. The firm occupied a new building in 1915, and since that time several additions to the original structure have been necessary to keep pace with the growing volume of trade. At the present time the Crystal Spring Laundry and Dry Cleaners employ eighty people and serve customers throughout a large area in the vicinity of Roanoke. Lewis H. Weld has in recent years become associated with his sons, S. L. and H. S. Weld in the management of the company.

In his politics, Mr. Weld is a Democrat. He is a member of the Rotary Club, and attends St. John's Episcopal Church. He enjoys the out-of-doors and throughout his life has taken an interest in hunting, fishing and golf.

In Winona, Minnesota, December 22, 1903, Lewis Henry Weld married Minnie Toll of Waupun, daughter of Charles F. and Fredericka (Stoltnow) Toll, farming people in Wisconsin. Mr. and Mrs. Weld became the parents of four children: 1. Henry Sterling (q.v.). 2. Stafford

Lewis (q.v.). 3. Ethel Alma, who married Harvey Y. Templeton of Winston-Salem, North Carolina. 4. Mintha Ann, wife of T. Wilson Jenkins of Richmond, Virginia.

STAFFORD LEWIS WELD is secretary and treasurer of one of Roanoke's leading individual business enterprises, established and continuously directed by members of a single family: the Crystal Spring Laundry Company, Inc., at 720 Franklin Road, Roanoke. Mr. Weld learned the laundry business thoroughly, in subordinate posts, before assuming his present office, and he has become vice-president of the Virginia State Laundry Owners Association.

His father was likewise engaged in the laundry business, and was founder of the Crystal Spring Laundry Company, Inc. Lewis Henry Weld married Minnie Toll, and the son whom they named Stafford Lewis was born in Roanoke on July 1, 1907. He attended elementary schools in Roanoke, and is a graduate of Jefferson High School, class of 1924. He then entered Virginia Polytechnic Institute at Blacksburg, from which he was graduated in 1928. Mr. Weld has also profited by a year's laundry course at Ohio Mechanical College, Cincinnati, where he was in residence from September, 1929, to June, 1930. This is a practical course in plant management.

Mr. Weld associated himself with the Crystal Spring Laundry Company, Inc., in the capacity of assistant superintendent in 1930. He was made superintendent in 1936, and was advanced to the office of secretary-treasurer in 1940.

He has since continued in executive office with the Crystal Spring Laundry Company, the only interruption in his business career being at the time of World War II, when from 1944 to 1946 he was enlisted in the United States Navy. He was commissioned a lieutenant junior grade on entering the navy, and emerged as a lieutenant, senior grade. During his period of service, he was stationed at the Norfolk Navy Yard in the Ship Service Department.

Mr. Weld has achieved recognition among his colleagues in the laundry business. In 1939, he was elected vice-president of the Virginia State Laundry Owners Association. He is a member of the Rotary Club of Roanoke, the Roanoke Country Club, and the Shenandoah Country Club. Mr. Weld and his family attend St. John's Episcopal Church in Roanoke.

At Roanoke on June 27, 1931, Stafford Lewis Weld married Nancy Breslin, daughter of Daniel



L. H. Mould



J. and Irene (Entwistle) Breslin. Mr. and Mrs. Weld have become the parents of five children: 1. Nancy Bailey, born March 14, 1934. 2. Mary Lathrop, born May 15, 1938. 3. Rena Lewis, born April 4, 1942. 4. Stafford Lewis, Jr., born September 30, 1946. 5. John Breslin, born June 15, 1948.

C. EARLE JOHNSON, JR., M.D. — A post World War II addition to the medical fraternity in the Shenandoah Valley, C. Earle Johnson, Jr., brought to his association with the DeJarnette Sanatorium of Staunton exceptional and varied experience in war and in peace, in the field of medicine, notably as a specialist in psychiatry. He continues his activities in research and recent developments in his specialty, and has won high rating among colleagues.

Born at Headland, Alabama, on May 2, 1906, Dr. C. Earle Johnson, Jr., is the son of C. Earle Johnson, Sr., and the former Ruby West. His father was the son of William S. Johnson, Confederate veteran, who later became a plantation owner and operator. His wife was the daughter of John and Georgia (Balkum) West, natives of Georgia, as were all the American ancestors of Dr. Johnson. Chester Earle Johnson, Sr., was born in Quitman, Georgia, and until he retired from business activities was special agent for the National Board of Fire Underwriters. Dr. Johnson is the elder of their two children; Jeannette, married John G. Varner, who after diplomatic service in several Central American countries, went to Texas where he is engaged as a Professor in the University of Texas. Mrs. Varner is librarian at the public library in Austin, Texas.

After attending the grade schools of Selma, and the Barnes School for Boys of Montgomery, Alabama, he pursued courses in Emory University and Birmingham Southern College. He took pre-medical studies at the University of Alabama, then entered the University of Colorado Medical School, where he was graduated a Doctor of Medicine, class of 1931. Returning to Alabama he was an interne at Hillman Hospital, Birmingham, for a year, and was resident physician for a number of months at the Piedmont Hospital in Atlanta. During the following year he was surgeon in charge of the Kilby Hospital, Montgomery.

When Dr. Johnson set himself up in practice, it was first in Montgomery, and later at Lineville, same State, where he likewise engaged in general practice for about two years. For a slightly longer period thereafter to 1943, he was with the

United States Veterans Administration. From 1943 to 1946 he served with the United States Naval Reserve, with the rank of commander, being separated in the latter year from the Reserve because of a disability.

The post-war career of Dr. Johnson includes professional activities in the Bryce Hospital, Tuscaloosa, to October, 1947, since when he has been associated with the DeJarnette Sanatorium, at Staunton, an exceptionally skilled man holding an important post. Keeping in touch with colleagues and professional organizations, Dr. Johnson is a member of the Augusta County Medical Association, the Staunton Medical Journal Club, and the American Medical Association. He is a Diplomate of the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology with certification in psychiatry, a Fellow of the American Psychiatric Society and a member of the American College of Physicians. His scholastic fraternity is Phi Beta Pi. His other affiliations include membership in the Retired Officers Association, the Virginia Neuropsychiatric Association, the National Committee for Mental Hygiene, and the Virginia Mental Hygiene Association. Dr. Johnson is listed in "Who's Who in the South and Southwest," "Who's Important in Medicine," "The American Directory of Medical Specialists," "The Directory of the American Medical Association," and "The Social Record of Virginia." He attends Trinity Episcopal Church.

Dr. Johnson married Kathleen McCain of Lineville, Alabama, who attended the Alabama State College. Dr. and Mrs. Johnson are the parents of a daughter: Judith Kathleen, born August 20, 1940.

STAUNTON PUBLIC LIBRARY—The history of the Staunton Public Library is a notable record of community effort. The annals of Kalamazoo, the remarkable old mansion in which it is located, go back much further in the history of the Shenandoah Valley, so it is to this edifice that we shall give our first attention in considering the municipal library.

The area of the Shenandoah Valley was little more than a wilderness when William Beverley of Essex County received from Governor Gooch a large grant of land, exceeding one hundred and eighteen thousand acres in all. On his newly acquired Valley property, Beverley started the erection of an imposing manor house. Becoming known as Beverley's Manor Mansion House, it was an edifice of magnificent dimensions. Even

its more modest rooms measured twenty feet square; and its broad, sweeping stairways, paneled wainscoting, and deep-embrasured windows measured up fully to the architectural elegancies traditional in the homes of Beverley's Tidewater neighbors. However, his previous residence, Blandfield, remained his first love, and he never deserted this mansion east of the Blue Ridge for the newer one at Staunton.

One of the first transactions involving this impressive dwelling took place in 1756, just prior to William Beverley's death, when William Long leased four hundred and sixty-seven of the acres of the tract for a period of ninety-nine years. At a later date, after the acreage had changed hands several times, fifty acres were sold to Mr. Daniel Sheffey, a distinguished lawyer of Staunton, and the "Manor's Mansion House" was included in this purchase. After Major Sheffey's death, his wife opened a school for young ladies in the "Mansion House," changing its name to "Kalorama." The success of this undertaking led the Episcopalians of Staunton to start organizing their own school, which was named the Virginia Female Institute, and until suitable buildings could be erected to house it, Mrs. Sheffey generously offered the accommodations of "Kalorama." With the Rev. James McElroy, she was made co-principal, and in this way "Kalorama" and the Virginia Female Institute, later known as Stuart Hall, became consolidated. After Mrs. Sheffey's death, the old dwelling gradually fell into a state of disrepair. In the course of time it was occupied by a succession of tenants, who having neither the interest nor the purpose of the original owners at heart, allowed an advancing state of deterioration to affect both its utility and its pristine beauty. Neglect, the passage of time, and the action of the elements, uncompensated for by the loving care of proud owners, exacted their heavy toll, until the fine old mansion became in time a mere shell of its former self.

In 1886, Mrs. Edmonia Bell Bayly, mother of Fannie B. King, bought the mansion from the Bickle estate. She at once started a program of renovation designed to restore the place to its original beauty. After reconstruction and redecoration were completed, Mrs. Bayly and her family moved to Kalorama, and from that time to the present day, some member of the Bayly family has resided there.

After Mrs. Bayly's death in 1909, her three daughters, Mrs. W. W. King, Mrs. S. P. Nottingham, and Mrs. C. K. Hoge, came into possession of the property and some years later Mr. and

Mrs. King purchased it from the other heirs and made it their home.

Closely associated with the development of the public library in Staunton, Mrs. King recalls the story of how her father, Capt. Edmund W. Bayly, together with Capt. Thomas D. Ransom and Col. Skinner, feeling the great need of a public library, obtained a room in the old Grange Hall, now the site of the City Hall, to house this new organization. When the Young Men's Christian Association was organized in the late 1880s, this "library room" in the Grange Hall was used for numerous purposes. A women's auxiliary to the "Y" was formed and its members took over the circulating of the books and so, officially, the city's first library, of other than a private nature, came into being. When the Young Men's Christian Association moved into its own building in 1888, the library was located in the new structure; and again in 1914, when the Association moved to a new location, that which it occupies at present, a room was reserved for the library on the third floor. While at this location, the book collection attained separate identity as a free public library, supported by and available to all the people of Staunton. The date of this historic step was June 7, 1930. The municipal library remained at its location in the Young Men's Christian Association building until May 1, 1941, when it was deemed expedient to find new and separate quarters for the growing public enterprise.

Thus it came about that, on May 1, 1941, the Staunton Public Library moved to its present location, in the William Beverley "Manor Mansion House." There amid the quiet and impressive dignity of Kalorama's long and spacious hallways, ample rooms, and paneled woodwork in contrasting light and dark tones—in brief, in a setting admirably adapted in every way for the usages of a library—the organization continues to make its home to the present time. There are ample facilities for future growth, and the book-loving public of the city of Staunton find this in every way an ideal library.

Mrs. O. L. Denton is Staunton's efficient librarian, and she and her well-chosen and trained staff keep abreast of the latest developments in library science. The organization enjoys a steady circulation of over forty-five thousand volumes per year.

A fire in the second story of the building took place on January 28, 1948. This caused water and smoke damage which necessitated closing the building as a library until December of that year. It was then reopened to the public, with many im-

provements. The entire first floor is given over to the library's purposes. Mrs. Fannie Bayly King resides on the second floor of the building. It is to her generosity that the city of Staunton may attribute its use of the present structure. She donated the building to the Library Board on April 11, 1940, and the city council formally accepted this noble gift.

J. LEWIS GIBBS, D.D.—Rector of Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Staunton, Virginia, J. Lewis Gibbs, D.D., has devoted over thirty years to the Episcopal ministry in that city. In addition to his responsibility of spiritual leadership, he is an educator, and both he and Mrs. Gibbs have contributed much to the advancement of their community.

Born in Lexington, Virginia, December 15, 1885, Dr. Gibbs is a son of Dr. Edwin Augustus and Mary Louisa (Lewis) Gibbs. His father was a physician, born in Lexington and practicing his profession in that city. He also served as medical examiner for the United States Government, and was stationed for some time in Washington, D. C.

Receiving his preliminary education in Lexington schools, J. Lewis Gibbs then entered Washington and Lee University, thereafter taking his studies in divinity at the Theological Seminary in Virginia at Alexandria. He received the degree of Doctor in Divinity in 1936. Dr. Gibbs' first appointment was at Forest Hill in Richmond, where he remained for six and one-half years. He came to Staunton on January 1, 1919, as Rector of the Emmanuel Episcopal Church, and there he has remained since, serving loyally and with great ability the spiritual needs of his congregation. He is also chaplain and Bible teacher at Stuart Hall, and he has served as editor of "The Southwestern Episcopalian." Dr. Gibbs renders valuable service to his own community as president of the board of the Staunton Public Library.

Dr. Gibbs is fraternally affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, York Rite. He was for eighteen years chaplain of the 116th Infantry, Virginia National Guard, being retired in 1940 with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

Twice married, Dr. J. Lewis Gibbs' first wife was Deborah Baer Ridgely of Baltimore, Maryland, who died September 29, 1947. They were the parents of four children: 1. Mary Ridgely, who received her education at Stuart Hall. She married Charles F. Scamon, and they have two children. 2. Nancy Lewis, who also attended

Stuart Hall. She is the wife of E. Jack Bryan and they are the parents of two children. 3. Josephine Graham. Like her sisters, she was educated at Stuart Hall. She is married to Phillip Lotz, and they have three children. 4. J. Lewis, Jr. After attending Staunton public schools and the Episcopal High School, he completed his formal education at Dunsmore Business College. During World War II, he served in the European Theater of Operations with the United States Army. J. Lewis Gibbs, Jr., married Doreen Whyatt of London, England, and they are the parents of two children.

Dr. Gibbs married, second, in June, 1949, Sue Plummer Hurt, native of Richmond and daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Algernon Smith Hurt, formerly of Forest Hill. Mrs. Sue (Hurt) Gibbs has distinguished herself in the field of occupational therapy, and was one of four to win the award, "Woman of Achievement—1948" in this field. Mrs. Gibbs is a graduate of the Collegiate School for Girls. She also received a certificate of recreation and physical training at Richmond Division, William and Mary College, and graduated from the Philadelphia School of Occupational Therapy in 1932. For two years thereafter, she was director of the department of occupational therapy at Reconstruction Hospital, New York City. She has also been in charge of the same work at Johns Hopkins and the University Hospital, Baltimore, the Richmond Crippled Children's Hospital, and at Westbrook Sanatorium. In 1942, Mrs. Gibbs organized and served as first director of the department of occupational therapy at Richmond Professional Institute, with the co-operation of Dean H. H. Hibbs, Jr., and in accordance with the standards established by the American Occupational Therapy Association. She was director of this department until 1946, and concurrently took studies leading to a Bachelor's degree. While serving as educational field secretary of the American Occupational Therapy Association, with headquarters in New York City, she was appointed to the chair of Occupational Therapy at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, and served as director of this department until her marriage to Dr. Gibbs. She holds a commission as major in the Reserve Section Women's Medical Specialists Corps, United States Army. She also holds the degree of Master of Arts from New York University. As wife of a prominent Episcopal clergyman, devoting his life to human betterment, she has found full expression for her abilities and her training.

EMMANUEL CHURCH, STAUNTON — The history of Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Staunton dates from the early months of 1893, although there was at that time no building for the meeting of worshipers, only the creative spirit of a small congregation which met on March 6 of that year to institute Episcopal services and unite itself with the larger organization of the Church.

The Diocesan Council of Southern Virginia convened in Norfolk later in that year, and on June 8, permission was granted to organize a separate congregation in Augusta parish. A meeting of those interested was held in the Young Men's Christian Association building in Staunton on June 27, and at this meeting the membership of the vestry of the new church was selected. Those chosen on this historic occasion were Colonel James H. Skinner, H. M. McIlhany, Berkeley Minor, George M. Harrison, B. L. Partlow, Alexander F. Robertson, Thomas D. Ranson, Joseph B. Woodward, C. L. Cooke, P. B. Sublett, W. P. Tams, and R. W. Burke.

The first rector chosen to lead this congregation was the Reverend Robert C. Jett, who was at that time rector of a church at Mount Jackson. Accepting the call, the Rev. Mr. Jett began his ministry at Staunton on September 17, 1893. It was to be a fruitful period of service, both to himself and to the congregation, and was to continue until 1913. He was later elected to the episcopate, and was, until his retirement, Bishop of the diocese to which Emmanuel Church belongs.

Services were first held in the auditorium of the Young Men's Christian Association; but the spirit of the congregation assured that an edifice worthy of their purpose would not be long in rising. During this critical early period, the qualities of leadership possessed by the Rev. Robert C. Jett manifested themselves. Not only was he a sympathetic pastor, but he was an able administrator, executing the plans for the erection of the church, securing funds, forming friendships so essential in the continuance of his church as a vital part of the community. On the first Sunday in September, 1894, exactly one year after Mr. Jett had assumed charge of the work, the first service was held in the Sunday school room, in the basement of the building. In November of that year the church itself was used for divine service. Five years later, the church building, which had cost over twenty thousand dollars, was entirely paid for, and was consecrated by Bishop Gibson of Virginia, acting for Bishop Randolph of Southern Virginia. The lot on which the new

edifice stood had been donated by Mr. and Mrs. Alexander F. Robertson, Miss Sarah T. Robertson, James H. Farrish, and Miss Ellen D. Farrish.

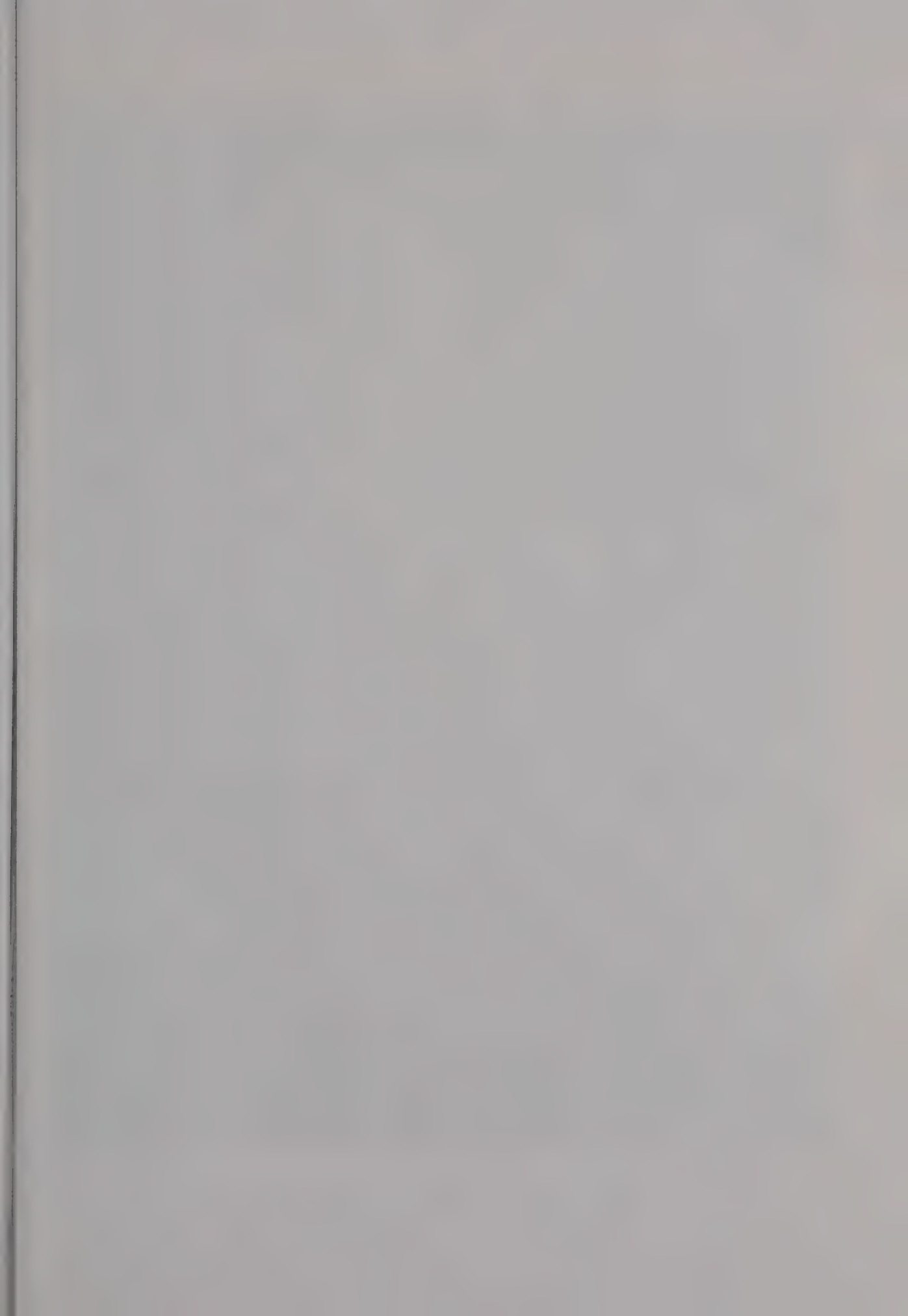
After somewhat over twenty years with his congregation, the first rector of Emmanuel resigned in order to found the Virginia Episcopal School for Boys, near Lynchburg. The General Convention gave its consent to the division of the old diocese of Southern Virginia in 1919, and in December of that year the first council of the new diocese met and chose the Rev. Dr. Jett as bishop of the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia. On March 24, 1920, the newly elected bishop was consecrated in Trinity Church, Staunton.

The second rector to serve Emmanuel Church was the Rev. William G. McDowell, Jr., a native of Lexington, Virginia, and a graduate of the Theological Seminary in Virginia in 1909. A man of unusual ability as a preacher, Mr. McDowell not only served his church well but also identified himself with a program of community welfare. He was instrumental in bringing the Boy Scout troop to a high state of efficiency, and in the formation of the Community Welfare League. He resigned in 1918, and was commissioned a chaplain in the United States Army. He was later rector of a church in Auburn, Alabama, and afterwards was elected to the office of bishop of the Diocese of Alabama, thus becoming the second former rector of the Emmanuel Church to join the episcopate.

Most of the societies prominently identified with the work of the church were organized nearly as early as Emmanuel Church itself. The ladies of the congregation formed a group known as the Church Workers on the historic date of the first public meeting: March 6, 1893. From November 7, 1893, dates the existence of the Guild. The Woman's Auxiliary was organized the same month, as a parish missionary society, and in February, 1895, it became a branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions.

From the time of the retirement of the Rev. William G. McDowell, Jr., as rector, the pastor of this congregation has been the Rev. J. Lewis Gibbs, D.D., whose career is the subject of an accompanying record. He has also served as chaplain and Bible teacher at Stuart Hall, and is president of the board of the Staunton Public Library. Under his leadership, the congregation has continued its inspiring record.

A chapel at Verona, about five miles north of Staunton on the Valley Pike, is also committed to the care of the rector of Emmanuel Church.





George W. Kuntz

HUGH BELL SPROUL—A prominent family of Virginia and of the Shenandoah Valley and Augusta County is the Sproul family, whose forebears came to the Valley in Colonial days to live on land granted them by the British King. One of the outstanding members of this family was Hugh Bell Sproul, of Staunton, who in the fifty-five years of his life made his extraordinary contribution to the development of the Old Dominion and its neighboring West Virginia as a farmer, coal mine operator, churchman, and Federal food administrator for Virginia under Mr. Herbert Hoover during the administration of President Woodrow Wilson.

On an eminence overlooking Staunton stands the home he and his wife built—Brae Burn—two Scotch words meaning a hill and a stream.

Hugh Bell Sproul was born at Locust Grove, the ancestral home near Middlebrook, Augusta County, on November 12, 1874. This homestead, being a royal grant in pre-Revolutionary days, is still in the family. Mr. Sproul was the son of Archibald Alexander and Eugenia (Bumgardner) Sproul. He first attended Hoover's Academy in Staunton and completed his education at Washington and Lee University at Lexington. As further preparation for a commercial career, he took a course in a business college at Baltimore.

In addition to the wartime governmental post mentioned above, Mr. Sproul served for four years on the Virginia State Highway Commission. Other offices in which he served with distinction were those of member of the board of visitors of Washington and Lee University and member of the Board of Mary Baldwin College in Staunton. He was a director of the National Valley Bank of Staunton and an elder in the First Presbyterian Church. A Thirty-second degree Mason, he was a Noble of Acca Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He was also very active in the Rotary Club of Staunton. When his career came to a close on September 5, 1929, the entire state mourned his passing.

Hugh Bell Sproul married Agnes Erskine Miller, daughter of James Mason and Betty (Kounslar) Miller. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Sproul: 1. Harriette Erskine, who married William Baker Allmutt, of Baltimore, Maryland. They have two children: Harriette and William, Jr. 2. Eugenia, who married Judge J. Harry May, of Staunton. They have two children: Harrison and Eugenia. 3. Hugh Bell Sproul, Jr., who married Eleanor Gilmore, of Emlenton, Pennsylvania. Their children are Hugh Bell III, and Mason Miller. 4. Mason Miller Sproul, who

died January 12, 1933. 5. Agnes Erskine, who married Charles Edward Bush of Waynesboro. They have three children: Charles Edward Bush III, Agnes Erskine and Mary Hannah. 6. Alexander Erskine Sproul, M.D., who married Ruth Peters of Staunton. Their children are: Alexander Erskine, Jr., James Mason, George Thomas, and David Alexander.

CAPTAIN GEORGE WASHINGTON KURTZ

—At the time of his death in 1926, in his eighty-ninth year, Captain George Washington Kurtz of Winchester was "the oldest funeral director in Virginia." He had been engaged in that field, and in the making and selling of furniture, for more than half a century, and was the founder, in the immediate period following the War Between the States, of the Kurtz Funeral Home in Winchester, a community in which the Kurtz family has lived since prior to the Revolutionary War. Captain Kurtz was himself a veteran of the War Between the States, having served with distinction in the Confederate Army. He became a Democratic leader in Winchester, served on the City Council and the Handley Board of Trustees, and was an elder in his church, the Presbyterian. He was a well-beloved figure in Shenandoah Valley for more than eight decades.

Captain Kurtz was born in Winchester, on March 6, 1838, the son of Isaac and Frances Temple (Fitzhugh) Kurtz. Isaac Kurtz was the son of Adam Kurtz, who, as a Revolutionary soldier, accompanied General Daniel Morgan on his ill-fated expedition to Quebec, and who, after the Revolution, settled in Winchester. Adam Kurtz was himself the son of John Adam Kurtz, who came to America from Wurttemberg, Germany, living for a time in Pennsylvania and later taking up his residence in the Shenandoah Valley. Before the Revolution, his son, Adam, settled in Winchester, and bought the old building at Cork and Braddock streets, where General Washington had his Colonial headquarters. It was in this historic dwelling that Isaac Kurtz, father of Captain Kurtz, was born on July 5, 1790, about a year after George Washington had been inaugurated as the first President of the United States. Isaac Kurtz spent his entire life in the valley. He served in the War of 1812, participating in the Battle of Craney Island at Norfolk. At the close of the war, he learned the trade of turner and cabinet maker, and he made spinning wheels, flax or Saxon wheels, turned table legs, and manufactured various other articles of furniture. His business

spread over a large portion of the district surrounding Winchester. Many of the pieces he produced are valued today as antiques. He died on February 3, 1861, and was given a military burial. Frances Temple (Fitzhugh) Kurtz, mother of Captain Kurtz, was a native of Caroline County, Virginia. She was a daughter of William Fitzhugh, a farmer, who for years kept a tavern near Winchester and who is buried in Colonel Ed Baker's private cemetery; and a niece of Judge Fitzhugh of Louisville, Kentucky, with whom she lived from the time she was twelve until she was twenty. She survived her husband twelve years, her death occurring on February 12, 1873, and both she and her husband are buried in Mount Hebron Cemetery, Winchester. Of their three children, two reached maturity: Elizabeth, who became the wife of Robert D. Dodd and who died in Winchester on December 12, 1914, and Captain Kurtz.

Captain Kurtz was educated in Winchester's schools. In his early teens, he was apprenticed to a furniture maker named Knock, and he later completed his apprenticeship with Stephen Stackhouse. This occurred just before the outbreak of the War Between the States, and Captain Kurtz went to work for another furniture maker named Rowe. Then came the "long roll," calling the troops to the colors. The future captain was finishing a barber chair when the sound to arms came, and left it unfinished to join his comrades of the home company. As a member of the Continental Morgan Guards, Captain Kurtz had gone with his company, in 1859, to Harper's Ferry to receive John Brown and his followers into custody, remaining there until the execution of John Brown and his men at Charles Town. Captain Kurtz was perhaps the last surviving witness of the trial and execution. Two years later, when the war finally broke out, he was again ordered to Harper's Ferry and served General "Stonewall" Jackson as orderly and adjutant for a month. When General Joseph E. Johnston succeeded Jackson at Harper's Ferry, he sent Sergeant Kurtz back to his company in Winchester, but he was soon ordered into the field. Captain Kurtz, still a sergeant, took part in the first Battle of Manassas. Then, with his command, he was in all the engagements of the Army of Northern Virginia. At Spotsylvania Courthouse, on May 12, 1864, he was captured at the "bloody angle" with many of his comrades and sent to prison at Fort Delaware, where he remained thirteen months, suffering all the privations of that notorious prison. On

June 15, 1865, he was released and two days later returned to Winchester. He had risen from corporal to captain, assuming the latter rank on June 9, 1862, at Fort Republic, where he took command of Company K, Fifth Virginia Infantry, in the Stonewall Brigade. He bore with him, until his death, wounds received at Gettysburg.

After the war, Captain Kurtz was active in Confederate veterans' circles, attending many state and national encampments. For fifteen years he was commander of General Turner Ashby Camp of Winchester, Virginia Division, United Confederate Veterans, and at the time of his death, was third lieutenant commander of the Confederate Veterans of Virginia. In 1868, Captain Kurtz established himself in the furniture and undertaking business at Winchester. For a time he leased the Kerr Building, but, in 1875, purchased quarters at Cameron and Boscawen streets, and here he remained until his death, building up one of the leading furniture and undertaking concerns in northwestern Virginia. At the time of his death, he was the oldest embalmer in Virginia. Six different chief executives of the state appointed and re-appointed him to the Virginia State Board of Embalmers, and he served on that body about twenty-five years. For twenty-six years he served on the Winchester City Council, and from the time of its organization until his death, he was on the Handley Board of Trustees. For more than half a century he was an elder in the Winchester Presbyterian Church. He was one of the six original trustees of Stonewall Cemetery in Winchester, and at the time of his death was the last survivor of that group.

In April, 1871, Captain George Washington Kurtz married Mary Frances Clayton, daughter of David Little and Jane (Peebles) Clayton of Frederick County, Virginia. Her father was a son of Elisha and Elizabeth (Little) Clayton. Captain and Mrs. Kurtz became the parents of six children: 1. Frances Clayton, who was born April 8, 1873, and died in July, 1910. She married, in March, 1895, Frank O. Headley, who was a native of Shenandoah County, but later lived in Baltimore. They became the parents of one son, George Kurtz Headley, who died on June 16, 1948. He served during both World Wars, achieving the rank of captain, and married Marion Hicks, of Birmingham, Alabama. 2. Lucy Fitzhugh, who is prominent in the Daughters of the Confederacy in both the valley and the state, having served at one time as the organization's registrar and treasurer. A past president of the Civic League, she is active

in the American Red Cross and many other Winchester community programs, and is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Stonewall Memorial Association, the Winchester Historical Society, and the First Brethren Church of Winchester. 3. Elizabeth Peebles, who was born February 27, 1877, and died May 25, 1942. She married Frank L. Grim of Winchester, who died on November 6, 1923. 4. Katharine Graham, who married C. Vernon Eddy of Winchester, librarian of the Handley Library. They became the parents of three sons: i. John Vernon, born April 6, 1907. During World War II, he served with the United States Naval Reserve Armed Guard. He married Rebecca Hall and they have one son, John Vernon, Jr., who was born at Winchester on December 12, 1944. ii. Richard Kurtz, born July 19, 1911. During World War II, he served in the United States Coast Guard as a petty officer, second class, on the U.S.S. P.E.C. 870 and C.G. 83481. He married Leona Largent and they have one daughter, Lucy Kurtz, who was born at Winchester on May 25, 1949. iii. Charles Francis, born August 13, 1914, and died May 9, 1915. 5. George Washington, Jr., who was born February 19, 1887, and who died October 25, 1890, at the age of three years. 6. Virginia Temple, who married Godfrey Miller O'Rear of Winchester. They became the parents of Anne Sherrard, born February 4, 1928, and died February 4, 1928; and Godfrey Miller, Jr., born October 15, 1929, at Winchester.

Captain Kurtz died in Winchester on November 14, 1926. As has been said of him, "His life was crowned with years and honors, and his memory at Winchester will always remain a living presence, a symbol of a truly noble spirit to be revered in years to come."

SAMUEL J. COLLINS has for years engaged in the practice of architecture in this region of Virginia. He continues a well-established professional tradition, following in the footsteps of forebears who were similarly engaged, and has earned distinction in his profession.

Mr. Collins was born August 22, 1881, in Washington, D. C., son of Thomas J. and Sophia Cecilia (Barrett) Collins. His father's ancestors have been residents of America from colonial times, the immigrant forebears having come to the Maryland Colony in the second expedition brought to this continent by Lord Baltimore, where they settled and became identified with the building industry in the Colony. One John Collins

submitted a design for the White House in the new national capital city of Washington, D. C. Hoban was awarded the commission but the Collins design was so meritorious that it was acclaimed and awarded a special fee in the following resolution of the Commission. His son, William Collins, grandfather of Samuel J. Collins, also engaged in the building industry, and while constructing the arsenal buildings at Harper's Ferry, about 1850, contracted cholera and died, still comparatively a young man.

His seventh son, who was born, like his father, in Washington, D. C., became an architect of some prominence in the capital city and was invited to participate in the competition for the initial building program for the Catholic University. He came to Staunton, Virginia, during the great boom of the 1880s and when the boom collapsed in 1891 he established the firm of T. J. Collins & Son, practicing architects. The "son" in the firm name was William M. Collins, second son of his first marriage, and they continued their work together until the father's death in 1924, drawing plans for most of the public buildings and homes in the Staunton area, including St. Francis Catholic Church (Staunton), the Court House (Harrisonburg), several Staunton Military Academy units, the Blessed Sacrament Church (Harrisonburg), both National Valley Bank buildings (Staunton), some Mary Baldwin College units, and the Augusta County Court House. Prior to coming to Staunton Thomas J. Collins was twice married. Of the first, marriage five children were born. After the first wife's death, he married (second) Sophia C. Barrett, who became the mother of Samuel J. Collins.

Mrs. Collins' father, James Barrett, came from Ballinsloe, County Galway, Ireland, and her mother from Inniskillen, County Fermanagh, Ireland. He became a soldier in the Union Army during the War Between the States, and was killed in the battle of Chancellorsville. Thomas J. Collins and Sophia C. (Barrett) Collins became the parents of seven children, three of whom are now deceased.

Samuel J. Collins, eldest of the seven, attended Trinity School, Washington, D. C., and St. Francis' Parochial School, Staunton. Later he entered Staunton High School where he was graduated. Studying architecture under his father's direction, he was associated with the elder man from an early period. Then, after the father's death, in 1924, Samuel J. Collins joined with his brother, William M. Collins, in continuing the family firm under the same name of T. J. Collins & Son. This

firm was active until the depression years of the early 1930s, when building reached a dead standstill. At that time the brothers dissolved their partnership, and William M. Collins went to Washington, D. C., to become associated with the Indian Bureau of the Department of the Interior. Samuel J. Collins, remaining, established "The Witness," a weekly newspaper, in Staunton. It made its appearance on April 15, 1933, and he conducted it thereafter until building activity resumed in the late months of 1934, at which time Mr. Collins returned to his own profession and discontinued the paper. He practices today under the old firm name of T. J. Collins & Son, Architect, it being the oldest firm of its kind in Virginia. He is its sole owner, but he has associated with him H. J. Collins, his brother, who handles all the construction supervision, and his sister, Florence M. Collins, as secretary, and five other office personnel. The practice is conducted in his attractive and conveniently appointed office building at 4 N. Madison Street, Staunton. Mr. Collins has designed many notable structures, including the Bath County Courthouse, Staunton High School, the new buildings at Stuart Hall, Memorial Hall (Staunton Military Academy) and Memorial Gateways (same institution), the parish houses of Trinity Church and Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Dunsmore Business College, the restoration and addition to City Hall (which had formerly been a theater), The Fishburne Military Academy (Waynesboro), the Catholic Church (Waynesboro), the Sacred Heart Catholic Church (Danville), the Lutheran Evangelical Church (Waynesboro), the restoration and additions to the Presbyterian Meeting House at Ft. Defiance, St. Rita's Catholic Church (Alexandria), St. Paul's Catholic Church (Richmond), St. Thomas More Catholic Church and a 16-room Parochial School (Falls Church, Fairfax County, Virginia), St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church (Berkeley Springs), and numerous residences throughout Virginia.

This extensive record as an architect has given Mr. Collins a merited position of leadership in his profession in this whole area of the Southland. He has at the same time participated to the full in the work of architectural professional bodies, as a member and officer of the American Institute of Architects and a charter member of the Liturgical Arts Society of New York. He is a member of St. Francis' Catholic Church and the Fourth Degree Assembly of the Knights of Co-

lumbus. He has also identified himself with many civic organizations in his local community, including the Chamber of Commerce.

THOMAS RODES NELSON — Widely known in Staunton professional circles, Thomas Rodes Nelson is one of the leading members of the legal profession in this community and this region of the Shenandoah Valley.

Mr. Nelson was born September 27, 1899, in Staunton, Virginia, son of Robert E. R. and Mary Graham (Dyer) Nelson and member of an old family. His paternal grandfather, William G. Nelson, born in Augusta County, this state, became one of Staunton's outstanding lawyers and was associated for a considerable period with Thomas C. Elder. He was a Confederate soldier during the War Between the States. His brother, Alexander L. Nelson, Thomas Rodes Nelson's great-uncle, was for years head of the mathematics department at Washington and Lee University. Robert E. R. Nelson, Thomas R. Nelson's father, was a lawyer, so continuing until the close of his life, in July, 1945. He was associated with Stephen D. Timberlake, Jr., for a number of years until the death of the latter. He was also a city commissioner of Staunton. His wife, Mrs. Mary Graham (Dyer) Nelson, was a daughter of Professor Thomas W. Dyer, who was a Confederate soldier. Robert E. R. and Mary G. (Dyer) Nelson became the parents of three children: 1. Clara King, born March 4, 1897, studied in Staunton public schools and at Mary Baldwin College and Sweetbriar College; she became the wife of D. R. Chamberlain, of Rochester, New York, a prominent banker, and the mother of their son, Dwight R. Chamberlain, who was born in February, 1940; Mrs. Chamberlain is now deceased. 2. Thomas Rodes, of further mention. 3. Charles Alexander, born February 4, 1901, studied in Staunton public schools, Staunton Military Academy, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and Washington and Lee University, then received his Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of North Carolina; he now practices law in Harrisonburg.

Thomas Rodes Nelson, second-born of these three children, received his formal education in public schools in Staunton, his birthplace, and at Washington and Lee University, where he received his Bachelor of Laws degree in 1925. He then established his professional practice in Staunton, here carrying on his work in the law down to the time of writing. He takes a lively

interest in legal affairs, both in connection with his own law office and with respect to organized professional groups. He is a member of the Staunton Bar Association, and also belongs to the County Bar Association.

In addition, Mr. Nelson concerns himself with a wide range of social and civic matters. He is a member of the Phi Delta Phi fraternity, the Omicron Delta Kappa and Sigma Alpha Epsilon societies, and other groups. He is president of the Community Building and Loan Association of Staunton, Inc. His religious affiliation is with the Trinity Episcopal Church.

Thomas Rodes Nelson married Frances I. Rynhart, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, a graduate nurse. She had her training at Boston, Massachusetts, and subsequently became head of the obstetrical branch of the nursing staff at Presbyterian Hospital, Philadelphia, so continuing until her marriage. She is a daughter of Henry B. and Harriet A. (Allen) Rynhart. The Nelsons became the parents of two children: 1. Elizabeth King, born January 12, 1938. 2. Harriet Anne, born May 10, 1941.

FRANK BRISCOE COOPER — As secretary and treasurer of the Reid Grocery Chain, operating Reid Stores, Inc., Frank Briscoe Cooper is a figure of importance in the commercial affairs of Staunton and the Shenandoah Valley. He has been with the Company since 1923. A man of varied interests, Mr. Cooper participates constructively in civic affairs, and is skilled in his hobby of music.

He was born in Philippi, West Virginia, son of the Rev. Thomas and Jennie (Briscoe) Cooper. His father was a native of England who came to the United States as a young man. Ordained a minister of the Methodist Church South, Rev. Thomas Cooper occupied pulpits in Maryland, Virginia, and West Virginia. After being superannuated, he came to Staunton to make his home. His wife, the former Jennie Briscoe, was the daughter of a clergyman—Rev. Warwick Briscoe, of Charleston, West Virginia. A very highly educated woman, Mrs. Cooper had specialized in music, and took great care to instill a love of music in her son during his formative years. Her earliest ancestor to have settled in America so far as known was Dr. John Briscoe, who migrated from England on the "Ark and Dove" prior to the time of the Revolutionary War. He settled in the Virginia Colony. Jennie (Briscoe) Cooper died in 1946, surviving by many years her

husband who had passed away in 1923. They were the parents of two children: Edna, who died in early womanhood, and Frank Briscoe, of whom further.

After completion of his preliminary education, Frank Briscoe Cooper attended Randolph-Macon Academy, and thereafter Randolph-Macon College. He took postgraduate courses at Columbia University in New York City, and while attending that university played clarinet in its orchestra. On the death of his father, he came to Staunton to remain with his mother. Prior to that time, and after completing his academic preparation, Mr. Cooper had taught school in Virginia and West Virginia.

On coming to Staunton in 1923, Mr. Cooper terminated his career as educator, and entered the employ of Reid Brothers, in the capacity of bookkeeper. In consequence of his business abilities and conscientious performance of his duties, his responsibilities increased, and in 1937, when Reid Brothers was incorporated as Reid Stores, he was appointed secretary and treasurer of the organization, as he has remained since. He is a member of the Southern Association of Science and Industry, and a member of the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Cooper takes a considerable interest in church work. He is a member of the Marquis Memorial Methodist Church of which he is a trustee, and for a number of years he taught men's Bible class in that congregation. Music remains Mr. Cooper's primary avocational interest and he plays both the piano and the organ. He is unmarried.

THE CROMPTON-SHENANDOAH COMPANY

—Throughout the period of nearly a century and a half of its existence, The Crompton Company has been an organization influential in bringing prosperity to each community in which it has located. Beginning as a small plant making print cloth, and situated at Crompton, Rhode Island, the company experienced a steady growth, in consequence of the continuing quality of the products it brought to the public. Today the main plant of the Crompton organization, The Crompton-Shenandoah Company, located at Waynesboro, Virginia, is nationally recognized for its production of high-quality velvets, velveteens and corduroys.

The Crompton Company, although its chief manufacturing activities are now carried on at Waynesboro, had its roots in the industrial soil of early New England. It was organized in

1807, at Crompton, Rhode Island, and was in its earliest days devoted to the manufacture of print cloth. In 1850, the Crompton Company, taking its name from the town of its origin and already with forty-three years of successful production behind it, was incorporated. Listed among its organizers was one George M. Richmond, first of that family to be associated with the growing concern, and forebear of a family which was to establish something of a record in the matter of years of devoted service to a single concern. Other incorporators were Earl Mason, Henry Merchant, Henry Hastings, Charles Jackson, Daniel Bush, Vincent Carr, and William T. Dorrance.

The firm continued the manufacture of print cloth along the lines which had brought it prosperity until 1875. A short time prior to that year, Howard Richmond, son of the George M. Richmond mentioned above and a progressive figure in the history of the company, went to England for further study in the industrial field of his interest. At that time the British Isles were recognized for their superiority in the production of textiles. There, Mr. Richmond learned the manufacture of corduroy and of velveteens; and on his return to this country he was equipped with the technological preparation which his company needed to convert to the manufacture of such goods. When the Crompton Company began the manufacture of corduroy and velveteen, it was the first firm in the United States to engage in such production. Its heritage in pioneering in the textiles field the company has honored and has lived up to, to the present time. Their production of the same line has likewise continued to the present; and the company has acquired an experience and understanding in the field in which it specializes, which sets it apart from competitive and more recent entrants into this phase of manufacture. It is not surprising that its progress has kept pace with its high standards, and that the Waynesboro plant represents the ultimate in efficient and modern industrial procedures.

In 1925, the company established the Crompton-Highland Mills at Griffin, Georgia, confining their manufacturing to gray corduroy and gray velveteens. In 1927, the Crompton-Shenandoah Company was established in Waynesboro, Virginia. That year marked the erection of Plant One at that location, where the products of the Griffin, Georgia, plant were dyed and finished. In 1936, Plants Two and Three were constructed in Waynesboro, for the weaving and dyeing of rayon, silk and nylon velvets. As an organization, the

existence of the Crompton-Richmond Company, New York, selling agents for Crompton Company, predates by a dozen years the development of the Waynesboro enterprise. It was formed in 1915. When, in 1927, operations started in Waynesboro, the plant gave employment to fifty persons. Today, seven hundred persons are employed, under working conditions which establish a high standard for the industry.

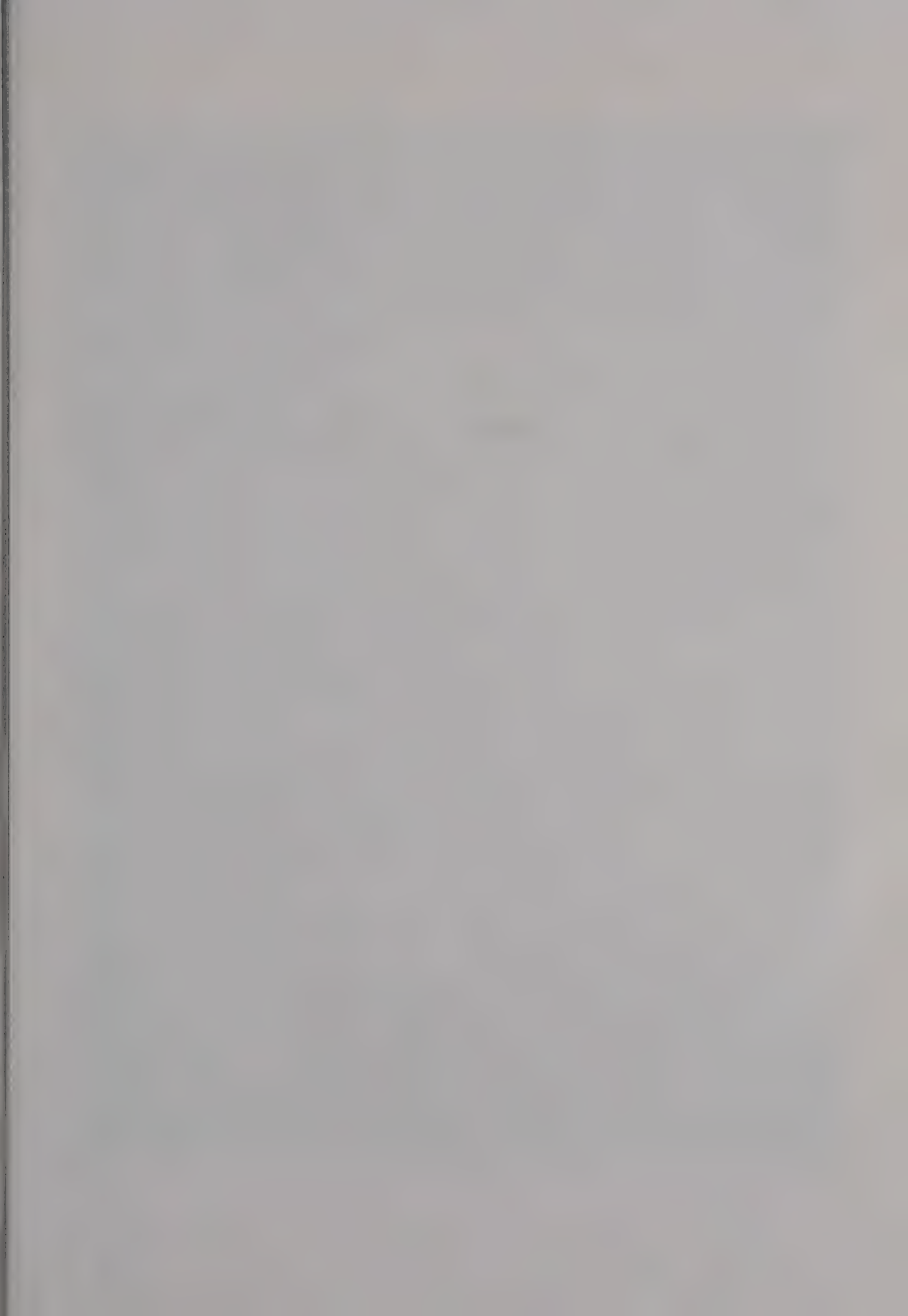
On the management roster of the firm at the present time are F. E. Richmond, chairman of the board; Gale Richmond, president; C. H. Merriman, Jr., vice-president and treasurer; and R. T. Joyce, secretary and assistant treasurer. Mr. Joyce's office is at the West Warwick, Rhode Island, plant of the company, as are also the offices of A. B. Lovett, assistant secretary, and E. Swanson, cashier. S. Y. Austin, Jr., assistant vice-president, maintains his office at Waynesboro. The West Warwick plant dates back to the establishment of the company, in 1807.

In 1946, the Waynesboro plant covered an area of 288,229 square feet, and at present its operations require 320,000 square feet—statistics indicative of its present prosperity, and of a healthy rate of growth to take care of future development. In relation to the community in which it located, the Crompton-Shenandoah Company recently stated through the columns of the Waynesboro "News-Virginian":

"Growing with Waynesboro" is more than a phrase. Crompton has expanded its facilities since 1927 to include the weaving, dyeing, and finishing of velvets and the dyeing and finishing of velveteens and corduroys . . . Waynesboro has kept pace.

Concerning the present-day leadership of the Crompton-Shenandoah Company, a few facts of a biographical nature are in order. The senior executive of the firm is Chairman of the Board F. E. Richmond, who was born in Providence, Rhode Island, in 1877. He is a son of Howard Richmond, referred to above as a progressive leader of the company in earlier times; and is the grandson of George M. Richmond. F. E. Richmond makes his home in Annapolis, Maryland. He married Jeanette Davis Nightingale, and they became the parents of three children: E. Jean, Peter, and Gale.

Peter Richmond received his education in Kent School and at Yale University. He joined the organization in 1931, and is now in charge of the factoring division, with offices in New York City, where also the Crompton-Richmond Company, sell-





Mr. A. Layman

Fannie S. Layman

ing agents, maintains headquarters. Peter Richmond married Elizabeth East of Staunton, and they have three children: George Martin, Elizabeth East, and Sarah.

Gale Richmond, president of the Crompton-Shenandoah Company, likewise attended Kent School, and is a graduate of Yale University. In 1936 he joined the firm, and has been identified with its operations at Waynesboro since 1940. He is married to Julia Davis Gooch, of Staunton. Mrs. Richmond attended Stuart Hall and Mary Baldwin College. Gale and Julia Davis (Gooch) Richmond are the parents of two children: Frank L., born June 30, 1942; and Jane Nightingale, who was born December 8, 1944. The family are members of the Trinity Episcopal Church at Staunton.

Charles H. Merriman, Jr., vice-president and treasurer of the Crompton-Shenandoah Company, is likewise one of the figures chiefly responsible for the present-day progress of this organization and is the great-grandson of George M. Richmond, Founder. A native of Providence, Rhode Island, Mr. Merriman received his education at St. George's School in Newport, that state, and at Princeton University. He joined the company on March 15, 1928, and has held responsible executive office since that time. In his capacity of vice-president and treasurer, Mr. Merriman is in charge of production at all Crompton plants. He married Alice Camilla Searcy, of Griffin, Georgia, and they became the parents of two children: Alice Camilla, who died in 1948; and Charles H. III.

MICHAEL ABRAHAM LAYMAN—Engaged with his sons in the construction business as M. A. Layman and Sons, Inc., General Contractors, Michael A. Layman of Harrisonburg has for nearly thirty years been one of the leading figures identified with the upbuilding of his community. Mr. Layman has conscientiously served his country in civilian capacities during two world wars, has held public office, and has of recent years done much to augment the modern, progressive appearance of the city and locality in which he lives, through his skill in the management of construction work.

Born at Mount Clinton, Virginia, September 20, 1880, Michael A. Layman is a son of Martin A. and Katherine (Shank) Layman. His father followed the trade of miller, and operated a mill two miles south of Harrisonburg. In the Oakland, Virginia, country schoolhouse Michael A.

Layman began his education, and he completed it at Pleasant Hill, Virginia. His first acquaintance with the business world was gained in the horse and livery stable business in Dayton, during 1910 and 1911, and in this period, Mr. Layman also engaged in buying horses. Among the other operations of the firm, it rented horses for the postal service, and it operated its stables under the name of M. A. Layman and Dickson.

In 1911 Mr. Layman entered a new yet related field, that of manufacturing wagons and buggies. Until 1913, he continued in this profitable endeavor, his product bearing the trade name "Dayton", and his enterprise, known as the M. A. Layman Carriage Factory, succeeding the George W. Hedrick Carriage Company. This venture ended disastrously in a fire which swept Mr. Layman's factory in 1913. He then moved to Norfolk, Virginia, as foreman with the Pittsburgh Steel Construction Company, which was engaged in erecting all kinds of steel tanks, particularly for municipal needs.

Remaining with the Pittsburgh Steel Construction Company until 1921, Mr. Layman gained the foundation of knowledge which has served him well in the conduct of his own contracting business. In 1923, he entered business for himself with one truck and a cement mixer. His firm designation was M. A. Layman, Cement and Excavating Contractor. As such the firm continued until 1946. In that year, Mr. Layman increased the scope of his business, purchasing much new equipment. In that year also, he took into partnership his son Mervyl A. Three months later, Lloyd E. and Hubert B., his elder sons, also joined the partnership. The business was at that time incorporated as M. A. Layman and Sons, Inc., General Contractors and Builders. The firm has been responsible for the construction of the Royal Motors, Inc., Building, a building for Truck Sales, Inc., and a turkey processing plant for Swift and Company.

Many years ago, Mr. Layman made his acquaintanceship with public office, and the townspeople of Harrisonburg learned of his responsibility in this regard. He was treasurer of Dayton from 1904 to 1913. During World War I, Mr. Layman worked at the Norfolk Navy Yard, placing his knowledge of construction at the disposal of the United States government in the task of erecting steel water tanks.

During World War II, he also served his country, as a member of the Harrisonburg draft board for four years.

Fraternally, Mr. Layman is a member of the United Commercial Travelers, and he is past councilor of its Shenandoah Council No. 205. His religious affiliation is with the Church of the Brethren in Harrisonburg, of which congregation he is a member of the finance board and the building committee.

At Dayton, Virginia, October 31, 1900, Michael Abraham Layman married Sarah Frances Baker, daughter of William and Mary Elizabeth (Coffman) Baker. Mr. Baker had served under General J. E. B. Stuart during the War Between the States, and later joined the cavalry under "Stonewall" Jackson. Mr. and Mrs. Layman are the parents of five children: 1. Ruth Arlene, born February 26, 1902. She married C. C. Apple, of Greensboro, North Carolina, and they are the parents of two children: Doris, born in Harrisonburg, now the wife of Ray Fisher and mother of William, and residing in Washington, D. C.; and Carr, born in Washington, D. C., who is the father of Michael. 2. Lloyd Edgar, born May 28, 1905. He married Bernice Chapman and they have two children: Nancy, born in Columbia, South Carolina; and Lloyd, born in Harrisonburg. 3. Mary Katherine, who was born September 14, 1909. She is married to W. A. Hartman of Harrisonburg, and is the mother of one child, June, born in that city. 4. Hubert Baker, born June 23, 1912. He is married to Mildred Koffman and they have two children: Hubert Baker, Jr., and Martha Ann, both born in Harrisonburg. Hubert Baker Layman is engaged in business with his father. 5. Mervyl Arthur, born November 26, 1914, is the first of the sons to have joined his father in M. A. Layman and Sons. He married Marguerite Garletts and they have two children: Rita, born in Sioux Falls, South Dakota; and Michael, born in Harrisonburg.

LOUIS FENIMORE JORDAN — A lawyer by profession, Louis Fenimore Jordan has distinguished himself not only as a member of the bar, but as a writer whose articles have been published locally and in periodicals of nationwide circulation. He is also the author of a book based on his career in the law. Mr. Jordan at present occupies the bench of the Civil and Police Justice Court and the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court in Waynesboro.

A native of Staunton, Mr. Jordan was born August 29, 1888, son of George C. and Loulie C. Jordan. For approximately thirty years, his father was manager of the Equitable Life Assurance

Society's agency in Washington, D. C. George C. Jordan died December 24, 1938 and his wife died in 1922.

Louis Fenimore Jordan completed his preparatory education at Fishburne Military School in Waynesboro. He then entered George Washington University, and his professional preparation was obtained at the University of Virginia Law School. Mr. Jordan had early experience in municipal administration, having been mayor of Basic City, now a part of Waynesboro, at the time he was admitted to the Virginia bar on July 20, 1917. He has since that time practiced law either in Basic City or in Waynesboro. He is a member of the Virginia State Bar, the Virginia State Bar Association, and the American Bar Association. While at George Washington University, Mr. Jordan became a member of Kappa Alpha fraternity.

He has had long experience, too, in the related fields of journalism and writing. In November, 1924, Mr. Jordan became editor of the "Valley Virginian," a local newspaper owned by his father, George C. Jordan. His avocation for many years has been writing; and he has had articles published in such magazines as "Editor and Publisher," "Inland Printer" of Chicago, the old "McNaught's Monthly," "American Bar Association Journal," and the old "Virginia Law Register," and in a number of newspapers of considerable circulation, such as the old "New York Sunday World." Mr. Jordan is also the author of a book, "Memoirs of a Criminal Lawyer."

Some time ago Louis F. Jordan was appointed judge of the Civil and Police Justice Court, and judge of the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court, both of Waynesboro. His record on the bench has enhanced his already considerable reputation as an attorney.

Louis Fenimore Jordan has been married three times. He married, first, Eva Catherine Livers, and they became the parents of a son, James L. He was born August 19, 1915, educated in the Waynesboro public schools and at Fishburne Military School, and served in the United States Navy from June, 1943 to 1945. During most of his period of wartime service, he was stationed in the South Pacific. He is now special agent for the Prudential Insurance Company of America, and is located in Waynesboro. James L. Jordan married Alberta Chaplin of Waynesboro. Louis F. Jordan married, second, Edna Williams, this union ending in divorce. The only child born of this marriage was Elizabeth Ann, on October 18, 1924.

She is a graduate of Fairfax Hall in Waynesboro, and of Farmville State Teachers College, and is married to E. J. Velenovsky. Mr. Velenovsky is on the staff of the Waynesboro "News-Virginian," formerly the "Waynesboro News," which has published some of Mr. Jordan's articles, and in 1929 bought the old "Valley Virginian" from the late George C. Jordan, thus ending the editorial career of Louis F. Jordan.

Mr. Jordan married, third, Nora E. Smallwood. They make their home in Waynesboro, at 768 Pine Avenue.

C. H. LOCHER—Owner of the Locher Brick Company of Glasgow, Virginia, the name of which was recently changed from Locher and Company, Inc., C. H. Locher continues in an enterprise which has long been associated with his family's name. His father, Eben Locher, together with two brothers, operated the James River Cement Works at Balcony Falls, Virginia, which had been established in 1847 by an earlier C. H. Locher, who had come from Maryland to Virginia to manufacture cement to be used in the construction of the James River Canal before the days when the arrival of the railroad supplanted that form of transportation. Eben Locher, who devoted his career to the production of cement and later other building materials including brick, married, his wife's name being Margaret, and their son, who now directs the enterprise, was born in Rockbridge County, Virginia, on August 12, 1894.

C. H. Locher attended the Glasgow High School, Mercersburg Academy, and the University of Michigan, later transferring to Columbia University. He left the latter institution in April, 1917, to enter the armed services, in the same month our country declared war on Germany. From April until June, 1917, he took naval training at Columbia while in uniform, then engaged in construction work at Camp Custer (now Fort Custer), Battle Creek, Michigan. He was sergeant first class on a motor supply train at Camp Custer from September, 1917 to March, 1918, after which he joined the Army Signal Corps Air Service (parent organization of the present Air Corps), as a flying cadet with the rating of private first class. He received his honorable discharge at Rich Field, Waco, Texas, in December, 1918.

Not only during the war years, but previous to that time, Mr. Locher had gained valuable experience in the construction field. He had left high school in 1911 to engage in construction work in northern New York State; and had taken engineering courses at both the University of Michi-

gan and Columbia University. With his return to peacetime life and the advent of the year 1919, he turned his attention to the family enterprise, Locher and Company, Inc., which now was concentrating on the manufacture of bricks. He has continued in the management of this firm through the years, and has been for some time its owner. He recently changed its name to the Locher Brick Company.

Mr. Locher is a member of Sigma Nu fraternity, and is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons. Having attained the thirty-second degree in the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, he is a member of the Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He and his family attend the Episcopal Church.

In Richmond, Virginia, in December, 1925, C. H. Locher married Dorothy Cull Howell, daughter of Arden and Clara Howell, both now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Locher are the parents of three children: 1. Charles, 3rd, born in 1927. 2. Arden, born in 1932. 3. George, born in 1934.

CLARENCE EUGENE MARTIN — A member of the West Virginia bar since 1901, Clarence Eugene Martin has had a varied career in public service. He has exerted leadership in professional and other organizations, as well as in the public sphere. This able attorney maintains offices in the People's Trust Building in Martinsburg, which city has been the scene of his legal career.

A native of Martinsburg, he was born on March 13, 1880, son of Morgan Washington and Ella Genevieve (Mulligan) Martin. His father was a business man whose career was centered in Berkeley County, West Virginia. The attorney began his education by attending St. Joseph's Parochial School in Martinsburg. Graduating in 1895 he entered the University of West Virginia and received the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1899. In 1933, the same university conferred on Mr. Martin the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws. He has also received the degree of Master of Laws from the Catholic University of America (1901) and an honorary Doctor of Laws from Dickinson College (1933).

Admitted to the bar of Berkeley County, West Virginia in 1901, and to the bar of the District Court of the United States for the Northern District of West Virginia in the same year, Mr. Martin began practice of his profession in Martinsburg in that year. He was also admitted to the bar of the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia in 1901; and has since been admitted to

the bar of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit (1919) and to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States (1911). Likewise he is a member of the bar of the United States Court of Claims.

Mr. Martin's first public office was as city attorney of Martinsburg, which he held from 1904 to 1906. He was one of the West Virginia members of the Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, serving from 1925 to 1941; and from 1933 to 1941 was a member of the West Virginia Judicial Council. He served as president of the West Virginia Constitutional Convention to ratify the Twenty-first Amendment to the Federal Constitution in 1933; and was chairman of the housing authority of the city of Martinsburg from 1938 to 1941. In the latter year Mr. Martin gave up important statewide posts held at that time to accept appointment as United States Senator. Governor Holt appointed him to succeed Governor Neely, who resigned to become Governor of West Virginia. The Senate, however, refused Mr. Martin his seat by two votes in favor of an appointee of Governor Neely who had just taken office.

Mr. Martin is a charter member of the American Law Institute. He is a member of the American Bar Association and was its president in 1932-1933; was member of the executive committee of the American Society of International Law from 1934 to 1937; and was president of the West Virginia Bar Association in 1923-1924. He is now president of the Berkeley County Bar Association. He is a member of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, the American Historical Association, and the American Catholic Historical Association, of which he was president in 1927. He was appointed Knight Commander of St. Gregory by Pope Pius in 1929.

Mr. Martin is a colonel on the staff of the Governor of Kentucky, having been so honored by Governor Laffoon in 1933. In his own community, where he has for many years been a member of the firm of Martin and Seibert, he is also an official of the Merchants and Farmers Bank. He is an honorary member of the Rotary Club, and a member of the Opequon Golf Club. Mr. Martin and his family are of Roman Catholic faith.

In Cumberland, Maryland, September 28, 1904, Clarence E. Martin married Agnes G. McKenna, daughter of Thomas and Anna McKenna. Mr. and Mrs. Martin are the parents of two sons, both of whom are attorneys: 1. Morgan V., who was born in 1908. 2. Clarence Eugene, Jr., born in 1910.

DR. CHARLES JACOB SMITH—On recently completing three decades in the office of president of Roanoke College in Salem, Virginia, Dr. Charles Jacob Smith retired from an active career which had brought him honors as an educator. He still retains the office of provost of the college, and continues his interest in its affairs. Dr. Smith has rendered service to his state as a member of several legislative commissions studying education.

A native of Middlebrook, Virginia, he was born March 8, 1882, son of the Rev. Luther Leigh and Virginia Elizabeth (Brown) Smith, his father being a Lutheran clergyman who for thirty years served the pulpit of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Strasburg, Virginia. He was also an educator, serving as superintendent of schools of Shenandoah County, Virginia. His son, who has devoted his career to the same two professions, began his education in the public schools of Shenandoah County, and later attended Shenandoah Valley Academy in Winchester, during 1897-1898. He received the degree of Bachelor of Arts from Roanoke College in Salem in 1901, and the following year took his Master of Arts from Princeton University. Also a graduate of the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, he received his diploma there in 1905. He received the degree of Doctor of Divinity from Roanoke College in 1915, and the degree of Doctor of Laws from Gettysburg College in Pennsylvania, in 1931.

Ordained to the Lutheran ministry in 1905, Dr. Smith served from that year until 1908 as pastor of the Church of the Advent in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. He occupied the pulpit of the Church of the Holy Trinity in New York City from 1908 to 1920. During World War I he took leave of absence from his pastorate to serve as camp chaplain at Camp Merritt, New Jersey; and in the following year (1918), was sent as a commissioner to the Lutheran Church in France.

Dr. Smith accepted the office of president of Roanoke College in Salem in 1920, and remained at its head until 1949 when he retired. He became provost in 1949, and this position he still retains. As one of the state's leading educators, he has been appointed by various governors of Virginia to membership on five different legislative commissions to study education, suffrage and social security in that commonwealth. Dr. Smith is a member of the American Association of Colleges, the Association of Virginia Colleges, and the Rotary International, of which he was governor of the Thirty-seventh District in 1925-26. His



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fraternal groups are Sigma Chi, of which he was grand praetor of the Virginia Province; Phi Beta Kappa, honor; and Omicron Delta Kappa, honor. In his politics, the educator is a Democrat.

At New Market, Virginia, June 25, 1913, Dr. Charles Jacob Smith married Mary Eleanor Price, daughter of Berryman Zirkle and Martha (Keyser) Price. They have become the parents of two children: 1. Virginia, who was born August 28, 1915; she married F. Cameron Wiley, Jr. 2. Charles Jacob, Jr., born November 25, 1920.

LeROY HENRY SMITH—A leading industrialist of Shenandoah Valley, LeRoy Henry Smith of Roanoke has been identified with the American Viscose Corporation for over thirty years and is now manager of the Roanoke plant. He has been a member of a large number of governmental and industrial groups, and has played a conspicuous part in the life of his city.

Mr. Smith was born in New Haven, Connecticut, on September 6, 1887, and is a son of Arthur LeRoy and Grace Wardell Smith, his father having been a building contractor by trade. After attending schools in his native state, the industrialist entered Yale University, which is in the city of his birth, and graduated in 1918 with the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy. His first business connection was as chemist with the Texas Company, in which capacity he went to Port Arthur, Texas.

The following year, however, he returned East and at Marcus Hook, Pennsylvania, became identified with the company with which he has remained since. He became chemist at the American Viscose Corporation's plant there. In 1921 he was transferred to the Roanoke plant in the capacity of chief chemist, which position he filled until 1938. Since that time he has been plant manager at Roanoke.

Mr. Smith has been a member of the Regional War Manpower Committee and adviser on Occupational Deferment in the state of Virginia. He was commander of the Eighth Battalion of the Virginia State Guard, and during World War I, held the rank of second lieutenant in the Field Artillery, Third Regiment, F. A. R. D. in which he remained until 1919.

He has held important positions with the state government, being a member of the Advisory Council on the Virginia Economy and chairman of the Virginia State Water Resources Commission. He is a member of the Virginia Industrial Wastes Association; director and vice-president of the Virginia Manufacturers Association, and

a member of the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce and the Virginia Education Association. In his own city, Mr. Smith serves as chairman of the Roanoke City School Board. He is director of the First National Exchange Bank of Roanoke, and a trustee of Hollins College, Hollins, Virginia.

Mr. Smith has served as director of the Roanoke Chamber of Commerce, and as president of the Roanoke Lions Club. He is also a member of the Roanoke Citizens Association, the Roanoke Firemen's Protective Association, the Roanoke Police Protective Association, and the American Legion. He is also a member and was vice-commander of the post of the Military Order of World Wars. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Scottish Rite, holds the thirty-second degree, and is a member of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

Organizations of nationwide scope of which he is a member are the National Association of Manufacturers, the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, the Yale Alumni Association, and the American Chemical Society, in which he served as chairman of his chapter. He is a member of the Southwest Virginia Engineers Club and Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity. Mr. Smith and his family attend St. John's Episcopal Church in Roanoke.

On June 23, 1920, in his native city of New Haven, Connecticut, LeRoy Henry Smith married Dorothy Hurst Bradnack, daughter of John Hurst and May (Carroll) Bradnack. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are the parents of a son, LeRoy Henry, Jr., who was born October 28, 1927.

ROBERT G. COFFMAN, SR.—Well known for his contribution to Martinsburg through his activities in behalf of the community and its people, Robert G. Coffman, Sr., has been engaged in business here for more than thirty years, heading one of the oldest firms of funeral directors in Berkeley County and probably in West Virginia as a whole.

Mr. Coffman was born in St. James, Maryland, November 10, 1891, son of Andrew and Molly (Reichard) Coffman, both of whom are now deceased. His father was a merchant in Kansas City, Missouri, later returning to Washington, Maryland, where he lived until his death in 1919. The mother passed away in 1932.

Robert G. Coffman attended grammar schools in St. James, his Maryland birthplace, and in

Hagerstown, Maryland, graduating in 1911 from high school. He later entered the Renouard School of Embalming, New York City, where he received his diploma with high honors in 1914. In 1915 he became engaged in the undertaking business in Martinsburg. The firm with which he is connected has a long and notable history. In 1845, William Wilen started an undertaking and cabinet-making establishment, as was not unusual at that time, and that firm continued successfully for many years. The founder's son, John Wilen, carried on the enterprise, in which Robert G. Coffman was his associate until 1921. Meanwhile, another firm, founded in 1864 by Adolph Kogelschatz and continued by his son, Adolph Kogelschatz, and grandson, Adolph F. Kogelschatz, had been growing in prominence in Martinsburg's community life. In 1921 the two firms were consolidated under the name of Kogelschatz and Coffman. Operating since that time under this name, the Company suffered, in 1944, the loss of Mr. Kogelschatz, who died in that year and whose son, Louis W. Kogelschatz, then became associated with Mr. Coffman. The firm continues its long-established record of considerate and complete service, maintaining a funeral home with the most modern equipment and a personnel carefully chosen.

In addition to his work in this connection, Mr. Coffman is a member of the National Association of Funeral Directors and a past president of the West Virginia Funeral Directors' Association. He served overseas with the American Expeditionary Forces in World War I, and through most of the period of hostilities was a member and corporal of the Graves Registration Service, Unit 302, one of the three original units of its kind in France and Belgium. During World War II, he stood at the forefront in promotion of civilian activities. In politics he is a Republican. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, the Royal Arch Chapter, the Council of Royal and Select Masters, the Commandery of Knights Templar, the Consistory of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite in which he holds the thirty-second degree, and Osiris Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Mr. Coffman also belongs to the Martinsburg Kiwanis Club and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He attends Calvary Methodist Church.

On June 12, 1923, at Martinsburg, West Virginia, Robert G. Coffman married Nan W. Williams, daughter of Raleigh and Emma (Foult) Williams. Mr. and Mrs. Coffman became the

parents of two children: 1. Margaret Ann, a graduate of Martinsburg High School and Sweetbriar College, where she received the degree of Bachelor of Science; she is associated with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company in New York City. 2. Robert G., Junior, graduated from Martinsburg High School, then entered the University of West Virginia; during World War II he enlisted in the United States Army Medical Corps and served in the Pacific Theater of Operations, being honorably discharged with the rank of sergeant in 1947. He has been associated with his father and Mr. Kogelschatz since his graduation from West Virginia University in the fall of 1950.

WILLIAM A. GRUBERT—With a record of twenty-six years as mayor and/or councilman of Staunton, William A. Grubert has held these offices longer than any other man. He served under both the present city-manager form of municipal government and the old bicameral system, which consisted of a Common Council and a Board of Aldermen, plus a Mayor.

From 1900 through 1908, Mr. Grubert was a member of the Common Council or the Board of Aldermen, from 1906 through 1908 having been president of the board. He was elected to the City Council, under the revised code, in 1932 and has served continuously since that year. His present term expires in 1952. He was Mayor from 1934 to 1936 but, on account of not being able to give the office his full attention, did not stand for reelection to that office until 1938 when he again was elected, and has been reelected regularly since then.

The City of Staunton may justly claim the title, "Birthplace of the City Manager form of Municipal Government," and, in consequence of his long association with its municipal administration, Mayor Grubert is widely known as a leading authority on this plan. His knowledge of its problems and his acquaintanceship with the men responsible for its origin have been at the disposal of many cities contemplating a change in form of government. He has written a number of articles on the subject, including one comprehensive treatment entitled, "The City Manager Form of Government, and my Personal Acquaintance with the Man Responsible for its Origin." His counsel on this subject has been highly valued.

Mayor Grubert was born in Staunton, July 15, 1869, a son of August A. and Mary Frey Grubert.

His parents were born in Germany, where his father learned the art of converting copper into commercial use. Coming to America prior to the War Between the States, he first located in Norfolk, Virginia, but, after remaining there only a short time, moved to Staunton, where he found employment. Later he erected a business property on Greenville Avenue where he conducted a copper, tin, stove, and hardware business.

Mayor Grubert received his early education in the Staunton public schools, later attending Hoover Military School and Dunsmore Business College. He began his business career as a clerk with the United States Express Company in Staunton, and later held responsible positions with it in Washington. He also was with the Bodley Wagon Company at one time, and with the Staunton Light and Power Company. Thereafter, he was with the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway for thirty-three years, retiring in 1939. For a number of years he was President of the Chesapeake and Ohio Clerks' Association.

Mayor Grubert for sixty years has been a member of the Stonewall Brigade Band, a continuous amateur musical organization since 1845. He has been president more than fifteen years. He organized the Stonewall Brigade Junior Band and was chairman of the board which operated it. He has been a member of Staunton's Masonic Lodge for more than half a century, and is a communicant of Trinity Episcopal Church, which he has served as a vestryman.

Mrs. Grubert, the former Miss Jessie E. Masoncupp of Staunton, is active in church and civic work.

HON. HENRY WINSTON HOLT — The late Hon. Henry Winston Holt served as judge on the bench of the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia from 1928 until his death, October 4, 1947.

A native of Isle of Wight County, Virginia, he was born September 14, 1864, son of Dr. Micajah Quincy and Virginia Henry (Winston) Holt. Judge Holt, as he was known in Staunton for more than a generation, was reared in eastern Virginia, and made it his home through the period of his graduation from Virginia Military Institute. He graduated with distinction from that seat of learning in 1886, having previously spent two years at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, with the degree of Civil Engineer, and two years later received the degree of Bachelor of Laws from Washington and Lee University. He there-

after practiced law in Wichita, Kansas, for three years in the firm of Holmes, Havermeyer and Holt before returning to Virginia to accept the office of commandant at Staunton Military Academy. He made his home in the Shenandoah Valley from that time.

Beginning the practice of law in Staunton in 1892, after one year as commandant at the military academy, Judge Holt was a member of the firm of Turk and Holt. From 1893 to 1896 he was judge of the corporation court of the city of Buena Vista, which did not require his removal from Staunton. During the 1890s, he was also captain of the West Augusta Guards. Judge Holt ascended the bench of the corporation court of Staunton in 1900 and served for twelve years. In 1912 he became judge of the 18th Circuit, remaining in office for sixteen years. He was appointed to the Special Court of Appeals that was created in 1924.

In 1928 the then Governor of Virginia, Harry F. Byrd, appointed him to succeed Judge Martin P. Burks on the bench of the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia. This judicial office he filled with distinction until his death. In 1946, he became chief justice on the retirement of the Hon. Preston W. Campbell.

In addition to his primary judicial office, Judge Holt served as commissioner in chancery of the circuit court of Augusta. A leading citizen of his community, he was respected by all as a man of both learning and wisdom, and of rectitude in all his relations. His was a broad cultural background, enhanced by extensive travel in the United States and abroad. Judge Holt held the degree of Doctor of Laws from Washington and Lee University, which had been granted April 29, 1929, and he was a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

On June 6, 1894, Henry Winston Holt married Mary Caperton Braxton of Staunton. They became the parents of seven children, of whom five survive: 1. Col. H. Winston Holt, United States Army officer with a distinguished record in two world wars. 2. Miss Virginia Holt, dean of Chatham Hall, Chatham, Virginia. 3. Miss Esta Holt of Staunton. 4. Mrs. George S. Rosenberger of Staunton. 5. Mrs. Rodney Washburn of Worcester, Massachusetts.

WALLACE B. MCFARLAND—For many years Wallace B. McFarland has been a leading figure in the financial affairs of Staunton. He is vice-president of the Staunton National Bank. The combined record of himself and his father in the

office of county treasurer reaches an impressive total of sixty-four years.

Born September 22, 1878, Mr. McFarland is a son of James N. and Mary Elizabeth (Wallace) McFarland. James N. was in turn youngest of the five children of the Rev. Francis McFarland, who was born in County Tyrone, Ireland, January 8, 1788. He was the only son of Robert and Ann (Patterson) McFarland, both of whom had been born in Scotland. After living for a time in Ireland, they came to the United States in 1793, and settled first in Philadelphia. There they remained until 1800 when they moved to Washington County, Pennsylvania. Francis McFarland passed his youth on the farm of his parents there, and in his twenty-third year, in 1810, made a profession of religion in the Presbyterian Church of Cross Roads, of which Elisha McCurdy was pastor. Through McCurdy, Francis McFarland was induced to begin a course of liberal studies with the view of entering the ministry. From 1811 to 1814 he attended Jefferson College, later studied at McMillan's Academy, then because of his health came to Leestown, Virginia, where he taught. In 1816 he returned to Jefferson College and the following year began courses leading to the Bachelor of Arts degree at Washington College. In 1820 he completed a course in theology at Princeton. During the succeeding years he did missionary work in Indiana, Missouri and Georgia, and on being ordained to the ministry in 1822 occupied the pulpit at Bethel where he remained until 1835. He then became secretary of the board of education of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church with offices in Philadelphia, serving until 1841. He was stated clerk of the Synod of Virginia from 1830 to 1836 and again from 1847 to 1866; and was a trustee of Washington and Lee University (then Washington College) from 1832 to 1836 and from 1843 to 1865. During the last thirty years of his life he again occupied the Presbyterian pulpit at Bethel, where he died October 10, 1871. The Rev. Francis McFarland held the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity from Washington College (1839).

The five children of the Rev. and Mrs. Francis McFarland were: Mary, Betsy, Robert, Francis, and James N. The youngest of these children, father of Wallace B. McFarland, was born February 24, 1842, and educated in private schools. He served as a captain at the time of the Civil War, and after that conflict was a commissioner of revenue. In 1883 he was elected county treasurer

of Augusta County, in which office he served for forty years. He was an elder in the Presbyterian Church. James McFarland died September 4, 1927. He was married to Mary Elizabeth Wallace, daughter of William and Mary Ellen Wallace, farming people. The two sons of this union are: Frank Petterson and Wallace B. McFarland.

Wallace B., the younger son, received his education in private schools, attending Bethel Academy, and Hampden-Sydney. His first position was with the Virginia Portland Cement Company. In 1903 he became deputy county treasurer, and succeeded his father in the office of county treasurer, January 1, 1924. In this office he served until December 31, 1947, bringing to sixty-four years the total period he and his father had ably filled that office.

In other capacities, Wallace B. McFarland has exerted leadership in community life. He is vice-president of the Staunton National Bank, and a trustee of Thornrose Cemetery. Like the preceding generations of his family he has been active in the work of the Presbyterian Church, which he serves as a deacon; and he is a trustee of Mary Baldwin College. His fraternity is Beta Theta Pi.

In 1911, Wallace B. McFarland married Lutie Luckett Moore, daughter of W. W. and Lonsone (Luckett) Moore. There are no children of this union. Mrs. McFarland attended Mary Baldwin Seminary. She is an active member of the Trinity Episcopal Church, and a former member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Augusta Garden Club.

COL. MAX PATTERSON — President of the Waynesboro Theatres Corporation, Col. Max Patterson is identified with one of the leading Shenandoah Valley entertainment organizations. He is associated with the Loth brothers (q.v.) in this enterprise, which operates two motion picture houses in Waynesboro. Early in his career Col. Patterson was an educator, and he turned his attention to the theatrical field in 1922.

He was born July 19, 1891 in Chatham, Virginia, son of Thomas J. and Ida White (Fackler) Patterson, fifth of their eight children. His father was engaged in the wholesale grocery business. Col. Patterson received his early education at the Warren Training School at Chatham, after which he attended Virginia Military Institute.

On completing his education, he became commandant of Fishburne Military School, and continued as a member of its staff from 1913 to

1941—long after he had found his lifetime occupation in the theatrical field. He also remained its treasurer and business manager until 1941, when he retired to devote himself to personal affairs. After 1941 he continued his association with Fishburne Military School as a member of the Board of Directors.

In 1922 he formed a partnership with Carl C. Loth and purchased the Star Theatre, which was later sold. They were joined by another partner in 1925, when the mother of the three Loth brothers, Mrs. Frances R. Loth, became associated with them. A second Loth brother, Francis, also became identified with the venture in the same year; and a third brother, J. Ellison Loth, in 1926. At the time the concern was incorporated in 1929, officers of the resultant Waynesboro Theatres Corporation were: Col. Patterson, president; Francis Loth, vice-president; J. Ellison Loth, secretary; and Carl C. Loth, treasurer.

In addition to the Wayne and Cavalier theatre buildings, the Waynesboro Theatres Corporation operates the Cavalier Bowling Alleys. The Wayne, the first motion picture theatre to have been built in Waynesboro, was opened in 1926, and three years later the Cavalier Building, housing the other playhouse and the bowling alleys, opened its doors to the public. In 1941 a new building housing a modern bowling alley recreational center, was completed. The Wayne and Cavalier have recently undergone renovation which has made them two of the most modern moving picture houses in the Valley.

Col. Patterson has been an active figure in Waynesboro's community life as well as its commercial affairs. He is a member of the Baptist Church. He is married to the former Garland Phillips of Norfolk, who received her education at Stuart Hall.

RT. REV. ROBERT EDWARD LEE STRIDER

—Bishop of the Diocese of West Virginia Protestant Episcopal Church, the Rt. Rev. Robert Edward Lee Strider received this ecclesiastical honor in recognition of his noteworthy zeal in the work of the Church, and his devotion to the advancement of religious faith, education and charity, that have attained rich fruitage in his ministry of nearly forty years.

Lee Town, Jefferson County, West Virginia, is proud to claim Bishop Strider as one of its notables, for he was born in this community on April 9, 1887, a son of Isaac Henry and Sarah (Reich) Strider. His father died in 1915, his

mother passing away in 1929. Both had been members of St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, that in 1949 celebrated a century of establishment, at which Bishop Strider presided and delivered an historical address. Raised in a section essentially agricultural, Robert E. L. Strider began his formal education in Jefferson County public and private schools, and matriculated at the University of Virginia, where he received the degree of Master of Arts in 1908. He had participated in several extracurricular activities and was named to the honor scholastic fraternities, The Raven Society and Phi Beta Kappa. Entering the Virginia Theological Seminary, he was graduated a Bachelor of Divinity, with the class of 1911.

In that same year Bishop Strider was ordained to the ministry of the Episcopal Church, and for four years had charge of congregations in Keyser, Davis, and other West Virginia places. From November, 1915 to November, 1923, he was Rector of Saint Matthew's Church, Wheeling, West Virginia. From November, 1923 to January, 1939, he was Bishop Coadjutor of the Episcopal Diocese of West Virginia, and since January, 1939, has been the Bishop of this large Diocese. The elevation of Bishop Strider to his present important post was one widely approved, and it was written of him, "Untiring and tactful in his labors, faithful to every duty, loyal to the Church, and aggressive in its cause Bishop Strider is a man of broad sympathies, sincere in all that he does, able in administration, experienced and practical. Few men have more friends or more loyal colleagues." In politics, Bishop Strider is a Democrat. He belongs to the Fort Henry and other clubs, and enjoys recreation as a member of the Wheeling Country Club.

Bishop Strider is the author of "The Life and Work of George W. Peterkin," published in 1928, and has contributed to several published volumes on religious and social subjects.

Bishop Strider married (first), in October, 1915, Mary M. Holroyd of Athens, West Virginia, who died in 1917. They were the parents of one son: 1. Robert Edward Lee II, who was born April 8, 1917; a graduate of Linsley Institute, at Wheeling, the Episcopal High School, at Alexandria, and Harvard University, with the degree of Master of Arts, class of 1941, and awarded the degree of Ph.D. in 1950; now an instructor in English at the Connecticut College for Women, at New London. During World War II he served in the Intelligence Department of the United States Navy, at Washington, D. C. He married Helen Bell,

and they are the parents of three children: i. Mary Holroyd. ii. Robert Edward Lee III. iii. William Bell. Bishop Strider married (second) in June, 1921, Eleanor A. Greer of Wheeling, who died in 1936, leaving two daughters: 2. Sidney Greer, who was born January 11, 1926; a graduate of Hannah More Academy, Baltimore, and William and Mary College, with a Bachelor of Arts degree, class of 1948. She married Stanley E. Bullock, who served during World War II with the United States Army Air Force in the European Theatre of Operations and is now in the United States Army preparing for a study of law. 3. Barbara Reich, who was born March 15, 1929; a graduate of George School, in Pennsylvania, now a student in the School of Nursing at the University of Rochester, New York.

Bishop Strider married (third) in January, 1941, Ethel K. Stover of Wheeling, and they are the parents of a son: 4. David Bruce, born August 24, 1945.

LUTHER HENRY CASKEY—A name prominently identified with the plumbing and heating business in Martinsburg, West Virginia, for nearly forty years is that of Luther Henry Caskey, who during that time has won the confidence and esteem of his fellow townsmen through his conduct of business affairs and civic responsibilities. He heads his own firm, the L. H. Caskey Plumbing and Heating Company, holds official connection with other commercial organizations, and is vice-president of two local banking institutions.

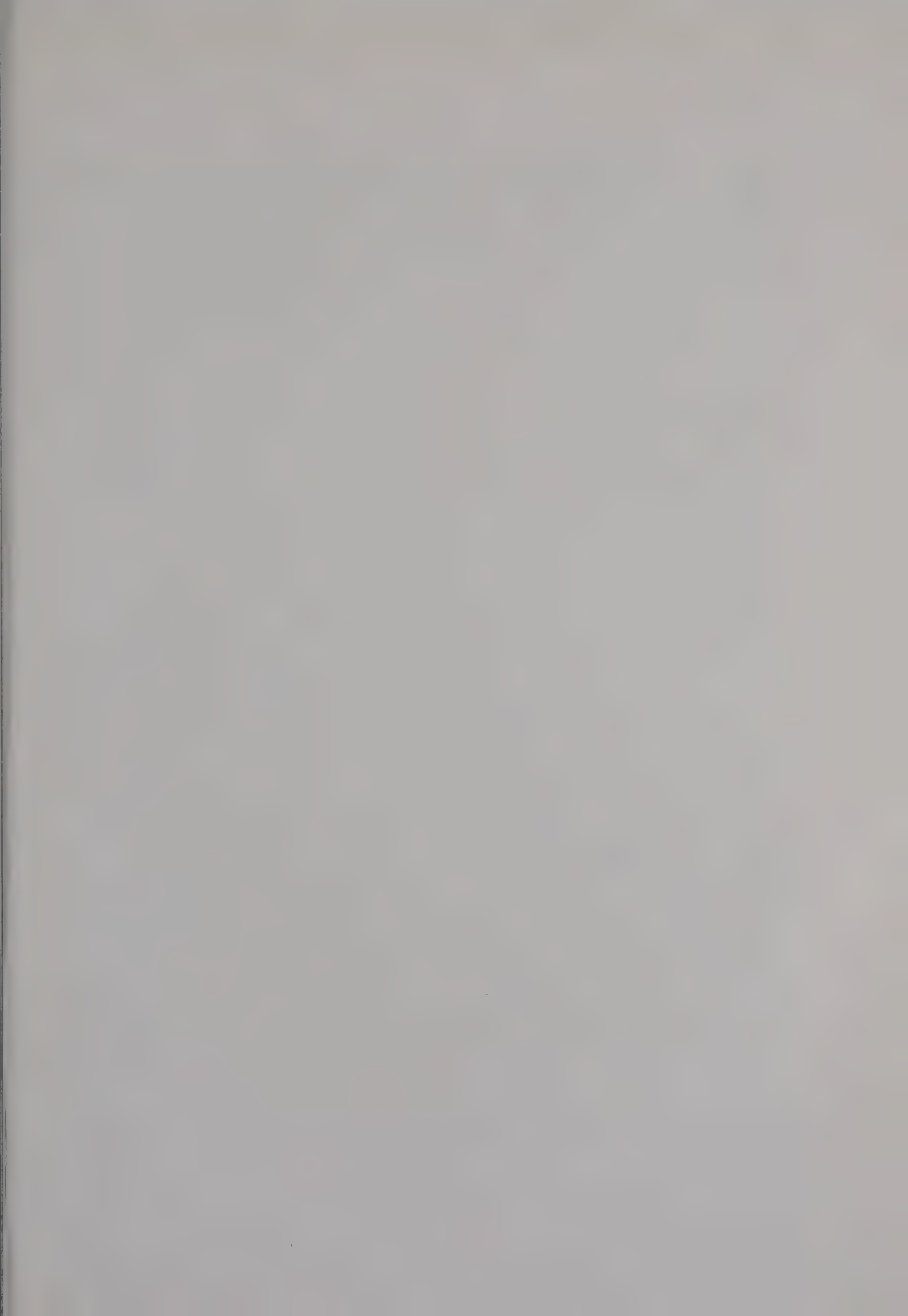
The family of which Mr. Caskey is a member has been well known in his area for many years, and has a long history both in this country and in England. It may be traced back to the time of the Norman Invasion of the latter country, when one Joan Casque accompanied William the Conqueror as one of his Officers. He made him home in England, near the city of London, having taken an English wife. In the course of time the family name Casque took the present English form of Caskey. A lineal descendant of this Joan Casque, Richard Caskey, was an early settler on these shores, arriving in the colony of Virginia in 1624. Granted a considerable tract of land near Wyo-noke, on the James River, he devoted himself to raising tobacco. His wife, too, was English, and they were the parents of several children. Due to the nature of his agricultural undertaking, Richard Caskey's family lived in what was then a rather remote area, in a log house of his own construction. This made them prey to one of the sporadic

Indian raids which constantly threatened the growing colony. Caskey's eldest son, also named Richard, returned from a hunting trip on one occasion to find the log cabin burned and remaining members of his family nowhere to be found. It later developed that a younger brother John and a sister, Esther, had made a visit to friends down the James River, but that all other members of the family had been slain by the Indian attackers. After finding for his brother and sister, aged fourteen and twelve, a refuge with friends in Jamestown, Richard Caskey devoted himself to revenge upon the Red Men, and became widely famed as an Indian Scout and warrior of the forest. It is from him and his sole surviving brother, John, that the Caskey family of this region of the Shenandoah Valley is descended.

Luther H. Caskey is the son of William Henry and Lillie Caskey, and was born in Martinsburg on October 15, 1891. Although his mother died in 1906, William H. Caskey is still living, and observed his eighty-fifth birthday on October 20, 1949. After receiving his education in the Martinsburg public schools, Luther H. Caskey began his business career in the line of endeavor with which he is now identified, plumbing and heating. He was associated, from 1906 to 1908, with the firm of Moore and Gardner, in Martinsburg. During the years from 1908 to 1912, he was identified with two other concerns, both in Clarksburg, West Virginia. These were the Dawson Roofing Company and the Batton Roofing and Supply Company; and through these connections Mr. Caskey familiarized himself still further with the various aspects of the construction trade, as well as gaining solid grounding in business procedures.

In 1912, Mr. Caskey formed the partnership of Grimes and Caskey, located at 227 North Queen Street in Martinsburg, which has been his business address to the present time. The firm engaged, from the beginning of its existence, in plumbing, heating, and sheet metal work, as well as related construction projects. Clarence B. Grimes was the other partner in this enterprise. In 1914, Mr. Caskey purchased the Grimes interest, and since that time the company has been identified by his own name, L. H. Caskey, Plumbing and Heating.

As he has progressed in business affairs, Mr. Caskey has often been requested to lend his experience and wisdom to the conduct of other commercial ventures. He is a director of the Western Maryland Supply Company in Hagerstown, and is prominent in banking, being vice-president and





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director of the Old National Bank, and first vice-president and director of the Berkeley Loan and Thrift Corporation. He is also chairman of the consumers' credit department of the Old National Bank.

He is a Democrat in his politics, and has served as president of the Police Civil Service Commission of Berkeley County. Mr. Caskey was appointed to this post by Governor Neely in 1944, and has already served one four year term, his present term expiring in 1952, which appointment was by Governor Meadows. He is also a trustee of the City Hospital in Martinsburg. Luther H. Caskey is active fraternally being a member of the lodges of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Loyal Order of Moose, and a life member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a Knight of Pythias, and a member of the Rotary Club of Martinsburg. His church is the Southern Methodist.

Luther Henry Caskey is married to the former Lula I. Strodes of Martinsburg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Strodes. To them have been born three children: 1. Luther H., Jr., on September 14, 1917. He is a graduate of Martinsburg High School and of the Carnegie Institute of Technology, class of 1940, degree of Mechanical Engineer. During World II he served in the United States Army Corps of Engineers, with the rank of Second Lieutenant, being promoted, during his course of service in North Africa and the European Theatre, to the rank of Major. He was retired to inactive service in that rank in 1946. Luther H. Caskey, Jr., married Vester Kine of Martinsburg. He is associated in business with his father. 2. Irene, also a graduate of Martinsburg High School. She received the degree of Bachelor of Arts from Bowling Green College, Bowling Green, Kentucky, and is married to Roy E. Youngblood, of Colfax, Louisiana, who served in the United States Army Air Force during World War II. Discharged in 1946 with the rank of second lieutenant, Mr. Youngblood now operates a cotton farm in Louisiana. 3. Lillie May, born in November, 1927. She also graduated from Martinsburg High School, and makes her home with her parents in Martinsburg. The family resides at 513 North Queen Street.

JAMES HUBERT FRALIN—Attesting the leadership in the construction field of James Hubert Fralin of the firm of Lucas & Fralin of Roanoke, are such edifices as the Noland Company Building in Roanoke, the Methodist Stone Church, and the

Brethren Church, as well as numerous residences and educational structures and industrial plants. But Mr. Fralin's leadership is not restricted to building, extending as it does into the field of agriculture and the Methodist Church.

Mr. Fralin was born at Union Hall, Franklin County, on January 2, 1902, the son of James Lee and Mollie Lee (Dudley) Fralin. His father was a farmer and stock dealer in Franklin County, raising and selling horses and cattle. He was born at Union Hall in 1863, and died November 1, 1946. Mollie Lee (Dudley) Fralin was born in 1870 in Franklin County, where she still resides. After completing his education in the public schools of Franklin County, James H. Fralin remained on the family farm until he was twenty-one years old. He then spent several months in the employ of the Viscose Company at Roanoke, after which he returned to Franklin County to farm and trade in cattle, until he sold out in 1925. He has never lost interest in agricultural pursuits, nor in horses or cattle.

When he left the farm in December, 1925, Mr. Fralin moved to Roanoke, where for three months he worked at the Roanoke City Mills. For the next two years he was employed by building contractors, Turner & Turner and W. K. McLane. With this experience as background, he then went into building on his own, confining himself to the construction of residences. In 1941 he established a corporation, serving as president, and for the duration of World War II he worked on building projects for defense and war employees at Dublin and Bristol, Virginia, and at Bristol and Kingsport, Tennessee. After the war he was again active in Roanoke, under his own name until the Fall of 1945, when he formed the firm of Lucas & Fralin, General Contractors, becoming a partner of Alfred Lucas. This is the firm through which he operates today, employing as many as one hundred workers. Mr. Fralin built not only the modern factory structure of the Noland Company in Roanoke, the Methodist Stone Church on Williamson Road and the Brethren Church in northwestern Roanoke, but also the additions to the Jefferson High School and the General School at Fincastle, as well as many other industrial, commercial, public and residential structures. He has also purchased from time to time several farms, which he has subdivided and sold for building lots.

In 1947, Mr. Fralin bought the old Roland farm, which he has since renamed Meadow View Stock Farm. This is located in Roanoke County, about twenty miles from Roanoke, and consists of 350

acres. Mr. Fralin has added about \$150,000 in improvements to the property, and plans eventually to breed thoroughbred horses and purebred Herefords. At present he has about 165 head of Herefords. Another activity to which he devotes himself is his work in the Methodist Church, in which he has become very prominent. A member of Emmanuel Pilgrim Church in Northwest Roanoke, he serves on its advisory board, conducts prayer meetings, and has been superintendent of the Sunday School since 1934. Also, he has been elected to the advisory board of the Allentown Bible School at Allentown, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Fralin married June 6, 1924, at Yanceyville, North Carolina, Vena Barnhart Brown, of Union Hall, daughter of John and Loretta (Wright) Brown. A son and daughter have been born to the marriage: James David Fralin, on October 13, 1935, and Rebecca Lee Fralin, on January 25, 1942.

ELMER DELL HARRIS—In the operation of the General Chemical Company in Front Royal, Virginia, Elmer Dell Harris has been an active figure, both in the building of its modern plant as an engineer, and more recently as plant manager. He is one of the industrial executives who have come from other states to further the prosperity of the city, and has remained to enter the life of the community with hearty cooperation for local projects and to become affiliated with city organizations and movements.

Mr. Harris was born at Pricedale, Pennsylvania, on January 28, 1909, son of Charles H. and Blanche A. (Butler) Harris, his father passing away in October, 1949. After completing his education he entered the employ of the General Chemical Company in 1924, and for twenty years was connected with its Newell, Pennsylvania, plant. In 1944 he came to Front Royal, where he was identified with the building of its great plant and the installation of equipment. After being maintenance engineer until June, 1949, he was placed in charge of the works as plant manager. A capable executive, Mr. Harris is skilled in securing the cooperation of employees and lends leadership to a variety of industrial and community enterprises. In politics he is a Democrat, but is more interested in the election of sound candidates and the promotion of progressive measures than in party affiliations. He is a member of the Front Royal Rotary Club, and attends the Methodist Episcopal Church.

At Cumberland, Maryland, October 15, 1932, Elmer Dell Harris married Lucille M. Carson, daughter of James and Ethel Carson. Mr. and Mrs. Harris are the parents of two daughters: 1. Myrna Carol, born June 1, 1933. 2. Candace Blanche, born October 4, 1939.

FRANK DIXON WHITWORTH, M.D.—In the decade that Dr. Frank Dixon Whitworth has been a citizen and physician of Front Royal, Virginia, he has built up a reputation for abilities and skill in his profession and for his hearty cooperation with community affairs. He has not ceased from being a student of his vocation, interested in research and in the adaptation of knowledge thus attained to the problems that he must meet daily among his clients.

Dr. Whitworth was born at Western Port, Maryland, on November 9, 1912, son of Horace E. and Nancy (Dixon) Whitworth, his father being the well-known attorney of Western Port. After attending the public schools of his birthplace, the future doctor went to Mercersburg Academy, Mercersburg, Pennsylvania, where he prepared for higher education. This he continued at Princeton University, New Jersey, class of 1932, Potomac State College, at Keyser, West Virginia, class of 1933, and the Medical School of the University of Maryland, where he was graduated in 1937, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He rounded out his preparations for a career by a year as an interne at the Church Home and Infirmary, Baltimore, Maryland, and another year was resident physician at this same institution.

Since 1940, Dr. Whitworth has been engaged in practice at Front Royal, Virginia, where he has won high standing with clients and colleagues. He is an exemplar of the finest ideals of his profession and has come to the fore in humanitarian endeavors, both as a physician devoted to the service of others and as a public-spirited citizen. Dr. Whitworth is a member of the American Medical Association, the Virginia State Medical Association, the Medical Society of North Virginia, and the Medical Society of the Valley of Virginia. He is a member of the staff of the Front Royal Community Hospital, and is physician to the Randolph-Macon Academy. He is a Rotarian, a Republican in political affiliation, and is a member and vestryman of the Episcopal Church.

At Washington, Virginia, in 1942, Dr. Frank Dixon Whitworth married Elizabeth Carter White, daughter of Charles H. and Levinia

(Dudley) White. Dr. and Mrs. Whitworth are the parents of a son: Frank Dixon, Jr., born in April, 1944.

ROLAND FERGUSON BEAN—Associated for a number of years with the Northern Virginia Power Company, Roland Ferguson Bean has served as its local manager in Front Royal since 1940. His role in local business affairs has been an extensive one and he is widely known throughout this region of Virginia.

Mr. Bean was born August 31, 1906, at Inkerman, West Virginia, son of Jacob A. and Francelia (Pyles) Bean. His father died in 1946 and his mother in 1941.

From an early period the Beans lived in Virginia and Roland Ferguson Bean had his early schooling at Winchester. He was graduated from Handley High School, in that city, in 1926. From 1926 until 1929 he was employed by the Kelly Springfield Tire Company at Cumberland, Maryland. Afterward, until 1933, he was supervisor of the Water Department of the City of Winchester. In that same community he was connected with the postal service from 1933 to 1935, the year in which he joined the organization of the Northern Virginia Power Company. For the first five years he was in the Winchester branch of the company, coming to Front Royal in 1940 as local manager.

Not only has Mr. Bean contributed substantially to the service which this public utility has rendered to the people of Front Royal in his years as manager here, but he has taken a deep interest in community civic life. He is first vice-president of the Front Royal Kiwanis Club, a director of the local Chamber of Commerce, and a leading Democrat. In the Free and Accepted Masons he is affiliated with the Front Royal lodge, the Royal Arch Chapter and the Order of Eastern Star. He belongs to the Methodist Church.

Roland Ferguson Bean married, October 18, 1931, in Hagerstown, Maryland, Mary Elizabeth Powell, of Cumberland, Maryland, daughter of Robert T. and Leila Powell. They became the parents of four children: 1. Jewel Enid, born October 3, 1932, member of the class of 1950 at Warren County High School. 2. Patricia Leila, born June 7, 1934, member of the class of 1952 at Warren County High School. 3. Audra Ferguson, born November 21, 1938. 4. Robin Elizabeth, born March 9, 1946.

A(LBERT) CARLTON FINTER—From clerk to cashier—that is the record of A. Carlton Finter at the Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Stanley. Mr. Finter is not only an outstanding banker in Stanley and Page County—a man who helped the Farmers and Merchants National pioneer the installment loan business in the county—but he is also noted for his hobby, archeology and history.

Mr. Finter was born in Alma, Virginia, on February 17, 1899, the son of Dr. Hubert R. and Nannie E. (Judd) Finter. His father, a physician at Alma, died on December 17, 1918; the mother died on May 5, 1947. The banker attended the elementary schools at Alma and the Stanley High School, graduating from the latter in 1916. In July, 1918, he went to work as a clerk for the Farmers and Merchants National Bank. Successively, step by step, he rose in responsibility until in January, 1946, he was elected cashier of the institution.

Mr. Finter's bank celebrated its fortieth anniversary on December 3, 1949. Its figures showed, at the time, that it had grown in its two score years of existence by \$832,944.38 in resources, \$82,353.22 in capital funds and \$747,586.89 in deposits. A pioneer in the installment loan business in the county, it has enjoyed a remarkable success in this field. The local newspaper, commenting on the bank's prosperity and service to the community said:

Serving a large agricultural field, there is hardly a major transaction in the territory consummated without consultation with its officers and directors. During the period (the forty years of the bank's operation) the Stanley community has probably shown more growth in respect to the original population than any other community in Page County and much credit can be given the wise policies of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank.

The bank was organized in 1909, with E. T. Brumback as president and C. C. Louderback as cashier. The capital funds were \$7,799.82. Stanley's most prominent citizens were then and are now on its board of directors. C. B. Foote succeeded Mr. Brumback as president and in turn was succeeded in 1933 by the incumbent president, S. H. Modisett. The present officers are, besides Mr. Modisett and Mr. Finter: C. C. Louderback and A. P. Kite, vice-presidents; Miss Kathryn Louderback, assistant cashier; Charles R. Buracker, bookkeeper. On the board, with Mr. Modisett, Mr. Louderback, Mr. Finter and Mr. Kite, are W. M. Long, F. V. Louderback, William Robinson, D. S. Kiblinger, and C. D. Price.

Mr. Finter, who is independent in politics, is active in Masonic circles, being a member of the Blue Lodge at Stanley. Through his hobby, he is a member of such organizations as the Archeological Society of Virginia, the Archeological Society of Delaware and the Rockingham Historical Society. He has a valuable collection of historical and archeological objects. He worships as a Protestant.

On August 5, 1940, at Stanley, Mr. Finter married Elva Marie Norman of that community. Mrs. Finter is the daughter of Henry B. and Daisy I. Norman. She and Mr. Finter became the parents of Judith Carolyn Finter on August 17, 1943.

DR. THOMAS LEVINNESS MILLER—A chiropractor noted for his leadership in the movement to elevate and maintain standards among his fellow practitioners, Dr. Thomas Levinness Miller of Front Royal is also highly respected for his citizenship activities in Warren County. His reputation as a chiropractor spreads from Shenandoah Valley into many other corners of the Old Dominion and into other parts of the United States.

Dr. Miller was born at Brantford, Ontario, Canada, on January 16, 1893. His parents were Frank T. Miller, who died in 1929, and Sara (Hubbard) Miller, who died in 1933. Dr. Miller's education, which he has continued consistently since he first started school, has been international in scope and bi-professional. He first attended the public schools of Toronto, Ontario, and was graduated from the Toronto Technical High School. He was a student at McMaster University in Toronto, Ontario. In 1912, Dr. Miller came to the United States, taking out his "first papers" two years later and being admitted to full citizenship in 1919. He studied at the National University of Therapeutics, Washington, D. C., where he received his degree of Doctor of Chiropractic; the Columbia Institute of Physiotherapy, Washington, D. C., where he received the degree of Physiotherapist, and the Virginia Medical College, Richmond, where he was a special student in 1949. In 1930, he took the degree of Bachelor of Laws at the National University School of Law in Washington, D. C., but he has preferred to practice chiropractic instead of law.

Dr. Miller's career began in 1920 in the National Capital, where he remained until 1936. For two years, 1936-1938, he was in practice at Fort Pierce, Florida, and since January, 1939, he has been in practice in Front Royal, where he main-

tains his main office at 116 South Royal Avenue. Dr. Miller had a long career, with active duty, in the United States Marine Corps, having enlisted in 1914, and served in World War I. He was transferred to Marine Corps Headquarters in Washington in 1918 and though he was honorably discharged—with the rank of Sergeant-Major—in 1936, he was recalled to active duty in World War II. Since the second war he has been back at his practice in Front Royal and adding to his reputation as practitioner and citizen. For two years secretary of the Virginia State Chiropractors Association, Dr. Miller is now director of its Code of Ethics. He is also active in the National Chiropractors Association and in the Masonic order, of which he is a Past Master (1925) and holds the thirty-second degree. He is a Noble of Almas Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Washington. His college fraternity is Sigma Nu Phi. In the Kiwanis Club of Front Royal, Dr. Miller was chairman of the program committee for three years, and chairman of the improvements committee of the Chamber of Commerce. He and his family worship in the Episcopal Church.

Dr. Miller married Mrs. Corinne Weaver Dodd of Front Royal in Delray, West Virginia, on January 25, 1935. Mrs. Miller, who is the daughter of Scott and Cora Weaver of Front Royal, is active in the Episcopal Church. She is a member of the St. Elizabeth Guild and the Altar Guild. Dr. and Mrs. Miller reside at 535 Washington Avenue, Front Royal.

ROBERT EDWARD LEE MILLER, JR., D.D.S.—Two generations of the Miller family have served the Shenandoah Valley as dental surgeons and both have established reputations for professional skill and community leadership. Dr. Robert Edward Lee Miller, Jr., of the second generation, in practice for a score of years, while engaging in general dental surgery, has a specialist's knowledge of endodontia and has had unusual success with cases in this field of dentistry. He is active in professional and community organizations. Front Royal is the center of his activities.

Dr. Miller was born in Richmond on August 29, 1907. His father, the senior Dr. Robert Edward Lee Miller, born in 1870, has been a dental surgeon since 1903 and in practice at Front Royal since 1910. He holds the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery from the University College of Medicine at Richmond. He practiced at Richmond from

1903 to 1909, and, despite his advanced age, is still in active practice at Front Royal. His wife is the former Bessie Strickler. Their son was graduated from the Warren County High School in Front Royal in 1925. After a year at the Randolph-Macon Academy, he went to the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, for his pre-professional studies. In 1932 he was awarded his degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery from The Medical College of Virginia, Richmond, Virginia. In 1939, seven years after he had begun practice, he took a post-graduate course in periodontia at Columbia University School of Dentistry in New York City and in 1943, 1944, 1945, and 1946 took courses at the University of Michigan School of Dentistry, at Ann Arbor, in minor oral surgery, operative dentistry for adults and children, crown and bridge prosthesis and endodontia, respectively. He has been in practice in Front Royal since July, 1932, with offices at 110 Jackson Street. He is a member of the American Association of Endodontists, the Northern Virginia Dental Study Club, the Shenandoah Valley Dental Association, the Virginia State Dental Association and the American Dental Association. His fraternities are Omicron Kappa Upsilon, honorary dental, and Psi Omega. He is also active in the Rotary Club of Front Royal and the Front Royal Chamber of Commerce. He is a Methodist and a Democrat.

Dr. Miller married Dorothy Banks of Holliston, Massachusetts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Banks, in Washington, D. C., on February 22, 1941. They have two children—Elaine Barkley Miller, born on April 10, 1943, and Douglas Banks Miller, born on October 13, 1948. Dr. Miller and his family reside on the John Marshall Highway at Front Royal.

RAYMOND RICHARD GUEST—An extensive property holder of Bayard, Virginia, Raymond Richard Guest has to his credit distinguished performance on behalf of his fellow citizens. He is now representing his district in the State Senate, his term extending from 1947 to 1951, and as a member of that body he serves on the committees concerned with social and moral welfare, fish and game, general laws and Federal Relations. He was in active naval service as a commander, during World War II, and was later associated with the late Defense Secretary Forrestal in the office of the fiscal director of the Navy.

Mr. Guest was born in New York City, November 25, 1907, son of Captain Frederick Edward

Guest and Amy (Phipps) Guest. His father, who held the rank of captain in the British Army, was for thirty years Member of Parliament, a Cabinet Member and a member of the Privy Council. He died in 1938.

Raymond R. Guest began his education in preparatory schools in England. He lived in England from the age of two to the age of twelve. On returning to the United States, he first attended St. George's School in Middletown, Rhode Island, after which he entered Phillips Andover Academy. He is a graduate of Yale University in the class of 1931, degree of Bachelor of Arts. For one year after receiving this degree, he attended George Washington University Law School.

From 1927 to 1937, Mr. Guest operated a large farm in Fauquier County, Virginia, disposing of it in the latter year. Since that time he has owned Rock Hill Farm in Bayard, Virginia, which comprises twenty-five hundred acres. Here he maintains a large dairy farm, and has about eighty head of Ayrshire cattle, as well as many head of Hereford beef cattle. Rock Hill Farm was formerly known as the Old Rock Hill Plantation, and was the property of Miss Julia Carter, daughter of Counselor Carter who married Dr. Berkley. It was here the original owner of the plantation, Dr. Berkley, was murdered by his slaves in 1818.

During World War II, Raymond R. Guest was in active service with the United States Navy, having been commissioned a lieutenant, junior grade, in the Naval Reserve in 1940. His wartime assignments were aboard destroyers, mine sweepers, and PT boats in the North Atlantic, the North Sea and the English Channel. He was retired to inactive duty in 1946 in the rank of commander. During 1947, Mr. Guest put his knowledge of naval affairs to good use as a civilian performing work for the United States Navy. In the office of the fiscal director in the naval office, he was associated with the late Secretary of Defense James Forrestal and Mr. W. J. McNeil who is presently Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Fraternally affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Mr. Guest holds the thirty-second degree in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. He is a member of Alpha Delta Phi fraternity and the Scroll and Key, honor society of Yale University. As a veteran, he is a member of the posts of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion. He is a member of the Kiwanis Club at Front Royal, and of the Chamber of Commerce at the same place. In his religious faith, Mr. Guest

is an Episcopalian, and he serves his church as vestryman and lay reader.

Raymond R. Guest was first elected to the State Senate, on the Democratic candidacy, in 1947, to serve until 1951. He has served on several senate committees, as above indicated.

In New York City, June 25, 1935, Raymond Richard Guest married Elizabeth S. Polk, daughter of Hon. Frank Lyon Polk, Acting Secretary of State under President Woodrow Wilson, and of Elizabeth Sturgis (Potter) Polk. Mr. Polk was born in New York, September 13, 1871, son of Dr. William M. and Ida A. (Lyon) Polk, and a grandson of Leonidas Polk, known as "the Fighting Bishop." Famous both as a soldier and an ecclesiastic, Leonidas Polk was born in Raleigh, North Carolina, April 10, 1806. His parents were William and Sarah (Hawkins) Polk. After receiving his education at the University of North Carolina and at the United States Military Academy, West Point, New York, he determined to follow the ministry, and resigned from the army soon after graduation. In 1830 he became a deacon in the Protestant Episcopal Church, and for about a year was rector at Richmond, after which he went to Europe for his health. Upon his return he removed to Tennessee, and in 1833 became rector of St. Peter's Church in Columbia. On September 15, 1838, Rev. Polk was elected missionary bishop of the Southwest, which office placed him in charge of the states of Arkansas, Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama, and Indian Territory. In 1856, in association with Bishop Stephen Elliott, he instituted the movement to establish the University of the South at Sewanee, Tennessee. Bishop Polk accepted in 1861 the commission of Major General in the Confederate States Army, and was placed in charge of the territory from Cairo to Red River. Under his direction the works at New Madrid, Fort Pillow, Columbus, Kentucky, Island No. 10, Memphis and other points were constructed. He commanded the Confederate forces in the battles of Belmont and Perryville, and commanded a corps at the battle of Shiloh. In October, 1862, Bishop Polk won promotion to Lieutenant General. At one time he was in charge of paroled prisoners of Vicksburg and Port Hudson. In December, 1863, he was assigned to the department of Alabama, Mississippi and east Louisiana in place of General Joseph E. Johnston, who had superseded General Bragg. He was killed by a cannon ball while reconnoitering on Pine Mountain, near Marietta, Georgia, June 14, 1864.

The Hon. Frank Lyon Polk received his preparatory education at Groton School, and received the degree of Bachelor of Arts from Yale University in 1894, and that of Bachelor of Laws from Columbia University in 1897. Admitted to the bar, he began practice in New York City in that year. He served as a member of the New York Civil Service Commission from 1907 to 1909, and was its president during the latter part of that period. He later had considerable experience as corporation counsel. He was designated counsellor for the Department of State at Washington, D. C., taking that office September 16, 1915 and serving until 1919. He was Under Secretary of State, 1919-1920; and acting Secretary of State from December 4, 1918 to July 18, 1919. He was appointed minister plenipotentiary to negotiate peace, July 17, 1919, and was head of the American delegation to the Peace Conference at Paris in the Summer and Autumn of 1919. Mr. Polk was treasurer of the Bureau of Municipal Research of New York City from 1911 to 1913, and had previously served on its Board of Education. In his later years he practiced law in New York City, and held membership on the boards of a number of corporations, banks, and public institutions. He married Elizabeth Sturgis Potter, daughter of James Potter of Philadelphia, in 1908; and Elizabeth S., who married Raymond R. Guest, was the second of their five children.

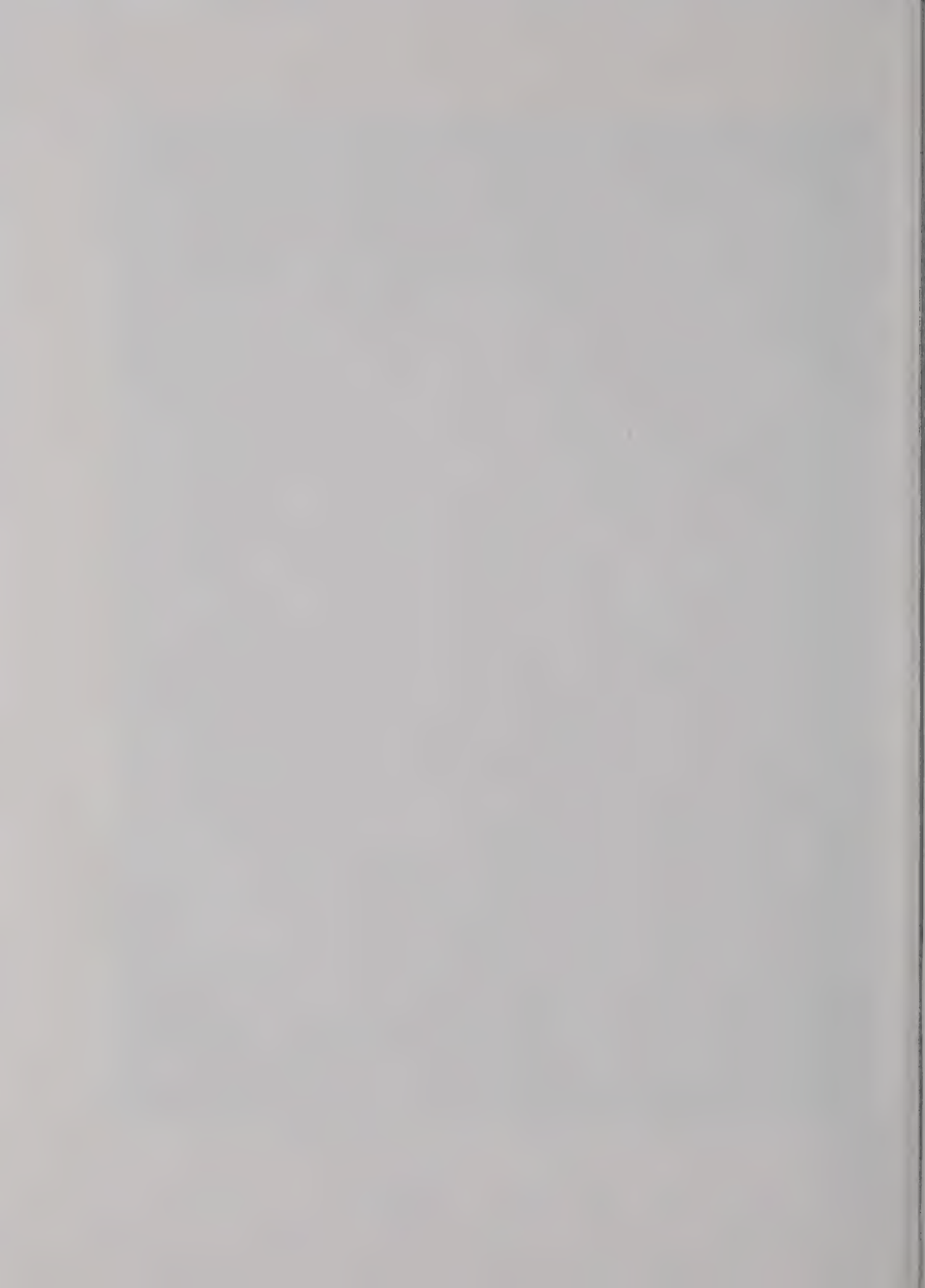
Mr. and Mrs. Guest are the parents of three children: 1. Elizabeth Polk, born in 1937. She is now a student at the Foxcroft School, Middleburg, Virginia. 2. Raymond Richard, Jr., born in 1939, attending Blue Ridge Country Day School, also in Virginia. 3. Virginia, born in 1946.

LEWIS M. ALLEN, M.D. — Engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery from 1896, Dr. Lewis M. Allen of Winchester was one of the Valley's noted specialists in obstetrics and gynecology. He practiced in that city from 1910 until his death, and was recognized no less as a man of practical affairs than as a physician.

Born in Clarke County, Virginia, on August 11, 1874, Dr. Allen formulated early in life his resolve to follow the medical profession. During the years he was attending the Shenandoah University School in Clark County, he also took a considerable interest in the sport of racing, and rode as an amateur jockey during vacation periods. On completing his secondary courses he entered the University of Virginia, and received his profes-



J. M. Allen



sional training at the University of Maryland, in Baltimore, from which he graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1896. He then took postgraduate work for one year at Johns Hopkins Hospital, and studied in Germany and Austria for another year. He had been admitted to the practice of medicine on graduation in 1896, and early in his career was for three years chief of the obstetric clinic at the University of Maryland, and for nine years an associate professor of obstetrics at that university. During World War I Dr. Allen served in the Medical Corps of the United States Army, holding the rank of major.

Dr. Allen came to Winchester in 1910 and established a private practice of medicine and surgery. From the time of his settling there, he specialized in obstetrics and gynecology, and rose steadily during the ensuing years to a place of recognition as one of the outstanding specialists in the state. He was a member of the American Medical Association, the Medical Society of Virginia, the Virginia Obstetrical and Gynecological Society, and the Avicenna Medical Club of Baltimore.

Having retained from his early years his interest in horses and racing, Dr. Allen's hobby was the breeding of thoroughbred horses and he sent many winners to the Show Ring and the cross-country races. He was highly regarded among the business fraternity of Winchester, and held the office of president of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank and Trust Company and was also president of The Virginia Glass Sand Corporation. He was very active in civic and welfare activities, among these connections being the vice-presidency of the Winchester Memorial Hospital. Dr. Allen belonged to Kappa Alpha and Sigma Nu fraternities, the Winchester Country Club, and the Blue Ridge Hunt Club.

Dr. Lewis M. Allen married Dorothy Gilpin of Virginia. Until his death on May 2, 1949, they resided at 703 South Washington Street. They were the parents of three sons: 1. Howard Owen. 2. Lewis Maitland, Jr. 3. Douglas Brooke.

JOSEPH ANDERSON MASSIE (JR.)—One of the younger professional men of Winchester whose abilities are gaining for him a considerable clientele throughout the Shenandoah Valley, Joseph Anderson Massie (Jr.) has been engaged in the practice of law in that city since his return from naval service during World War II.

Mr. Massie is a native of Newport News, and was born August 9, 1917, son of Joseph and Eliza-

beth (Love) Massie. His father, who was born in Rappahannock, Virginia, September 24, 1871, was likewise a lawyer practicing in Newport News; and he served his community ably in public office, being city clerk from 1895 to 1899 and city attorney in 1908. His practice of the legal profession was a general one. In his politics, Joseph A. Massie, Sr., was a Democrat. He died at the height of his powers, in 1922. His wife, the former Elizabeth Love, was a native of Winchester, Virginia, born January 28, 1878. She is still living.

Joseph Anderson Massie (Jr.) attended the Fountain Valley School for Boys at Colorado Springs, Colorado, where he was a member of the class of 1936. From 1936 to 1939, he was in residence at Colorado College, and thereafter he studied for one year at the law school of the University of Colorado. He then transferred to the University of Virginia, where he completed his courses after interruption by World War II in 1946.

On March 16, 1942, Joseph A. Massie (Jr.) enlisted in the United States Navy Air Corps for service in World War II. At the time of his discharge on October 3, 1945, he held the rank of lieutenant senior grade. He had served as flight instructor and engineering officer, and during much of his period of duty was assigned to Fighting Squadron 151.

Admitted to the bar of the state of Virginia shortly after his return to civilian life, in 1946, he established himself in practice in Winchester, in independent status. His practice is general, and he is entitled to plead in all the courts of his state. Mr. Massie has also made his acquaintance with public office. He was elected attorney for the commonwealth of Frederick County, after having been appointed to the office on June 19, 1947, and he is now serving a four-year term in that office.

Mr. Massie is a member of the Virginia State Bar and Sigma Nu Phi fraternity. He is a member of the Exchange Club and the Winchester Country Club. His hobby is sailing. Mr. Massie and his family are communicants of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

At Magnolia Springs, Alabama, September 16, 1944, Joseph Anderson Massie (Jr.) married Teresa Jennings, who is a native of Martindale, Texas, and daughter of Robert Harvey and Marie Lindsey Jennings. Both of Mrs. Massie's parents are also natives of Martindale, where R. H. Jennings was born in 1902 and the former Marie Lindsey in 1900. Mr. and Mrs. Massie are the parents of two daughters: 1. Marie Lindsey, born

in Washington, D. C., June 1, 1946. 2. Elizabeth Faulkner, born September 23, 1947, at Winchester.

FOREST T. TAYLOR—A lawyer who has served Staunton in various public and private capacities, Forest T. Taylor is now commonwealth attorney for Augusta County. He is a former member of the Staunton City Council. Outside his private practice of law and his public office, Mr. Taylor is interested in farming and the breeding of horses.

He was born in Augusta County on August 11, 1901, one of the seven children of John F. and Irene (Todd) Taylor and grandson of the Rev. John Henry Taylor, prominent Baptist minister. John F. Taylor was Sheriff of Augusta County for twelve years. He also served as Commissioner of Revenue for several years. He owned a stock farm, specializing, as does his son, in horses. Forest Taylor's grandparents on his mother's side were John W. and Annie (Timberlake) Todd of Augusta County, the former a plantation owner and Confederate soldier who served in the State Legislature. Annie Timberlake Todd was the daughter of George and Elizabeth (Turner) Timberlake, who came to the Old Dominion from England. Tracing the descent on the Timberlake side of the family: George Timberlake was the son of James and Mary (Massie) Timberlake, while Elizabeth Turner Timberlake was the daughter of James and Nancy (Hope) Turner, natives of Louisa County. James Timberlake was the son of Philip and Jane (Feers) Timberlake and Mary Massie Timberlake was the daughter of George and Temperance (Baker) Massie. Philip Timberlake was the son of Philip and Mary Timberlake. Temperance Baker Massie was the daughter of William and Mary (Walton) Baker and William Baker was the son of Martin Baker, who emigrated to America from England, marrying Temperance Harris in this country. James Turner was the son of Lewis and Elizabeth Turner. He was a soldier in the American Revolution. Nancy Hope Turner was the daughter of Burton and Elizabeth (Anderson) Hope, while Elizabeth Anderson Hope was the daughter of Matthew Anderson, another who migrated from England to America. A maternal aunt of Forest Taylor is Mrs. W. Leon Ware, who was born on Glenmore Farm, the estate of her parents, John and Annie (Timberlake) Todd. Her husband, W. Leon Ware, was the owner of the popular Beverly Hotel in Staunton. He lost his life in a fire at that hotel in 1926. The Todds are descended

from a family which came to the New World from Scotland in Colonial days. There were seven Todd brothers. One settled in Pennsylvania. He was George Todd and from him stems the family to which Mr. Taylor belongs. James was the son of George, and Royal was the son of James. Royal married Elizabeth, and they were the parents of John Todd, who married Annie Timberlake.

Forest T. Taylor began his education in the public schools of Staunton and completed its schoolroom phase at Hall's Business College in Youngstown, Ohio. He became a lawyer by "reading law," in accordance with a time-honored practice, in the law office of Charles Curry of Staunton, one of the outstanding trial lawyers of Virginia. He was admitted to the bar of the Old Dominion in 1927 and then for ten years practiced in association with his brother, J. Wesley Taylor, one of Staunton's outstanding attorneys, who died in 1946. He has always taken an interest in public affairs and for years has been a leading figure in Staunton's civic life. Elected to the City Council, he resigned from that body to fill out the unexpired term of John D. White, who died in September, 1947, as Commonwealth Attorney. In January, 1948, he was elected in his own right to that office, which he has continued to fill with distinction. Mr. Taylor is a member of the Augusta County, Virginia State and American Bar associations, the Kiwanis Club of Staunton, and the Baptist Church. Breeding horses is his hobby. He also is a diversified farmer.

He married Elizabeth Joseph, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Joseph, and their son is John Willson Taylor, born in 1936.

A. LEE KNOWLES—Someone has described A. Lee Knowles as one of the "grand old men" of Staunton and the Shenandoah Valley. With this designation—suggesting the affection felt for him by the entire citizenry, who think of his services to the community at large, his self-made success as business man, and his leadership in the famed Marquis Memorial Methodist Church of Staunton—thousands will agree. Mr. Knowles, who had a hard life, shows little of the effects of the struggle on his constitution. He fought his way upwards from farm boy, but today, in his middle eighties, he is as active as he was in his forties and may be seen virtually every day driving his own car as he shows properties to prospective buyers. He is still very much the active head of the realty company, which he built into

the great real estate business it is today. Operating under the name A. Lee Knowles, he uses as his trade mark the words "Knowles Knows." Mr. Knowles also developed a prosperous insurance business, but this is now carried on separately by his son, Kinzley Galloway Knowles.

A. Lee Knowles was born in Staunton on September 16, 1865, a few months after the close of the War Between the States in which so many members of his family played a part. His parents were Absalom and Susan Jane (Taylor) Knowles. His father, born on December 13, 1827, at Churchville, in Augusta County, was the son of George Knowles, a farmer and millwright who owned a vast acreage, much of it where Churchville now stands. It was he who named that community. Absalom Knowles was also a farmer and a stock-raiser. His wife was the daughter of John H. Taylor, a cousin of President Zachary Taylor, and Susan (Cupp) Taylor. John Taylor was born in Orange County, his wife in Pennsylvania. He died on August 23, 1863, in the Confederate Hospital at Gordonsville, Orange County, of an illness contracted while on duty with the Confederate troops. A. Lee Knowles is one of ten children, nine of whom grew to adulthood. Today only he and a sister, Anna Josephine Inez, are living. The sister is the widow of Otho M. Ramsay and the mother of three children.

Mr. Knowles is really a self-educated as well as a self-made man. True, his mother gave him some of his education and the public schools at Churchville gave him a bit more, about eighteen months more. But the major part of his learning has come through strenuous effort on his own part to acquire it from every source available outside formal schoolrooms. At an early age he began helping his father on the farm. When he was fourteen years old he sold produce from the farm, driving the family horse and wagon on daily trips into Staunton. At nineteen he entered the employ of Rudolph Kinzley's mercantile establishment—a general store—in the city. He acted as salesman, delivery boy and buyer of produce. For his labors, which began virtually at dawn and ended long after sundown, he was paid \$15 a month, every cent of which he gave to his mother. He remained with Mr. Kinzley two years, then spent another year working in a similar but competitive business. Mr. Knowles' first effort as an entrepreneur was as owner of a general food store which he called simply A. Lee Knowles. After fourteen years, he sold this business at a profit. His next venture was a shoe store, which he operated for nine years. When he went out of

the shoe business, he entered his present field of operations, by purchasing the Hibbard Realty Company. To this he added insurance, and the concern grew to be one of the most successful in the real estate and insurance field. And he is still building it, with limitless energy and with a memory going back into remote reconstruction day history, for he can cite dates, landmarks, changes and stories of personalities with unwavering accuracy. His latest subdivision is "Park View," a highly restricted residential addition.

When he was eight years old Mr. Knowles joined the Marquis Memorial Methodist Church in Staunton, then called by an earlier name. In 1898 the church was reorganized as the Epworth Methodist Episcopal Church, South, four years after a Mission Sunday School had been established. One of the two leaders of this Sunday School and the early church was Mr. Knowles, who had organized the school and who served as its superintendent for many years. Before the present church edifice was built at 1604 West Beverley Street, Staunton, building funds became exhausted, whereupon the trustees agreed that if any interested person would contribute the sum of \$1,000 toward its completion the name of the church would be changed in grateful recognition of the gift. Mr. Knowles informed Mrs. J. C. Marquis of the church's financial condition and interested her in giving this amount. The church was then named Marquis Memorial, in memory of Mrs. Marquis' late husband, Captain J. C. Marquis. From that time on, the church grew, with one of the leaders always Mr. Knowles. He continues today to give his wisdom and leadership in the further development of the church, its societies and its diversified spiritual and welfare work. He says he has held every office except that of Bishop! He taught the Men's Bible Class for forty-two years and is secretary-treasurer of the Augusta County Sunday School Association. He is also general secretary of the State Association and serves on the executive committee of the International Association of Sunday Schools.

Mr. Knowles married Mary Rosina Kinzley—better known to her husband and family as Rosa—the daughter of Rudolph Kinzley, a native of Switzerland in whose general store in Staunton Mr. Knowles worked as a young man. Mrs. Knowles' mother was Hattie Scott (Kitchen) Kinzley, a native of Nelson County. Mr. and Mrs. Knowles were married on May 4, 1892. On May 6, 1942, almost fifty years to the day of their marriage, Mrs. Knowles died. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Knowles: 1. Lena Williams

Knowles, on October 28, 1893, who died on March 1, 1940. She was educated at Stuart Hall and Mary Baldwin College, developing a native musical talent. She was married to S. S. Kelley and became the mother of two children: i. Paul S. Kelley, a graduate of Randolph-Macon School, class of 1949, who served in the United States Army in the South Pacific in World War II. He married Anne Wilson Armstrong of Staunton and after the war became a medical student at Chicago Medical College. ii. Jeanne Sheldon Kelley, now the wife of William Hopple. 2. Kinzley Galloway Knowles, born on August 28, 1896. He was educated in Staunton's elementary and high schools, graduating from the latter in 1916, at Dunsmore Business College, Staunton, and the University of Virginia, where he spent two years after serving with the armed forces in World War I. He was with the American Expeditionary Forces in France one year, beginning in 1917, and completed his service at a camp hospital, where he was honorably discharged in 1919. After leaving the University, he was in the employ of S. H. Kress and Company for four years, working in the firm's Roanoke, Asheville (North Carolina), and Winchester (Kentucky) stores. When he returned to Staunton in 1927, he joined his father in the real estate and insurance business. In 1939, he took over the general insurance line from his father, and today they operate under separate business names. Kinzley Knowles is now one of the prominent citizens of the Valley. He is a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Methodist Church. He married Nellie Burgess of Charlottesville, the daughter of J. A. and Minnie (Spradlin) Burgess. Their only child is Earl B. Knowles, who was born in Staunton on October 26, 1925. Educated in Staunton's elementary and high schools, and Dunsmore Business College, Earl Knowles is now an accountant for the Hajoka Corporation of Staunton. He served in Naval Aviation in the Caribbean Area in the Second World War. He married Frances Virginia Collins of Staunton.

A. Lee Knowles' office is in the Crowle Building, Staunton.

PHILIP LEE LOTZ, Staunton attorney, is active in community affairs as a member of the Kiwanis Club and the Young Men's Civic Club, and as president, for the year 1950-51, of the Staunton Parent Teacher Association. He is a former member of the board of directors of the Community Chest, the Salvation Army, and the

American Red Cross. In 1949, he was chairman of the Community Chest campaign.

Born in Ellicott City, Maryland, on January 7, 1913, Mr. Lotz is the son of Charles and Nora (O'Neill) Lotz. His father, a farmer born in rural Maryland, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lotz who came to America from Germany in the 1860s and settled on a farm in the Old Line State. Philip Lotz's maternal grandparents, Thomas and Annie O'Neill, natives of Ireland, also arrived in America in the 1860s. They settled on a farm in Howard County, Maryland. The lawyer is the second youngest of five children, all of whom are living. His mother died in 1944.

Mr. Lotz began his education in Ellicott City's elementary schools and was graduated from high school there in 1928. He then matriculated at St. John's College, in Annapolis, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1932. For his professional training he went on to the University of Maryland College of Law in Baltimore, receiving his degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1935. Following graduation he was employed as an insurance adjuster, working in the Valley of Virginia with Staunton, Virginia, as headquarters. He continued in this position until in 1942 he entered Government service as a special agent in the Counter-Intelligence Corps. He thus served the nation throughout World War II, resigning in December, 1945, to return to Staunton and launch himself on a law practice in January, 1946. He is a member of the Virginia Bar Association and the Augusta County Bar Association, the American Legion, and Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity. He is a vestryman and superintendent of the Sunday School at Emanuel Church, Staunton (Episcopal).

Mr. Lotz married Josephine Gibbs, the daughter of J. Lewis Gibbs, D.D., rector of Emanuel Church since 1919. Mrs. Lotz is a graduate of Stuart Hall. She and Mr. Lotz are the parents of three children: Philip Lee Lotz, Jr., born on March 17, 1943; John Charles Lotz, born October 24, 1944; and Deborah Ridgley Lotz, born on August 30, 1948.

Mr. Lotz's office is in Lawyers Row, Staunton.

WILLIAM OWEN KIVLIGHAN, of Staunton, merits his recognition as one of that city's most able business men. Engaged in the haberdashery business at 27 East Beverley, he has developed at this excellent location, in the heart of the commercial section of town, a smart and modern establishment, which has become the most completely

equipped of its kind in the Shenandoah Valley. Mr. Kivlighan owns the building, of which he devotes the first floor to his stock. He sells a complete line of men's suits, coats and apparel, and is just as fully stocked on men's toilet articles. On the second floor of his building, he maintains a tailoring department operating in conjunction with his sale of men's clothing. A man of progressive ideas, both on his own behalf and in the interest of the city in which he lives, Mr. Kivlighan remodeled his store and the entire building, after his purchase, and its color scheme and lighting effects have attracted favorable acclaim throughout the city. He has occupied this location since December 8, 1947.

Born December 28, 1904, William Owen Kivlighan is a son of Michael Kivlighan, who organized the White Star Mills. Of these mills, another of Michael Kivlighan's sons, J. Harold (q.v.), is now president and general manager. The father is now deceased, and Mrs. Michael Kivlighan survives him. The elder Mr. Kivlighan revealed the same traits which have characterized his sons, and is honored today, as he was during his life, as one of the keenest and most successful figures in Staunton's commercial life. Three sons have continued in the tradition, and the impress of the members of this family upon the welfare and progress of the community would be difficult to overestimate. A third son, Michael, Jr. (q.v.), is the owner of a camera shop and studio far ahead of what one would expect to find in a city of this size.

The first of the brothers to graduate from Dunsmore Business College, William Owen Kivlighan had been educated previously at the St. Francis Parochial School, and had graduated from the Robert E. Lee High School in 1923. In 1927 he received a degree of Bachelor of Science from Georgetown University. Returning to Staunton on completion of his formal education, he formed his first business connection as an employee of the Worthington Hardware Company. He remained with this firm in the capacity of salesman for the ensuing seventeen years, at the end of which time he realized his ambition to enter business in his own right.

As one of Staunton's popular and successful business men, Mr. Kivlighan's co-operation has been much relied on in civic affairs and commercial ventures. He is vice-president of the Farmers and Merchants Bank, and a director of the Kiwanis Club. He is a devoted communicant of St. Francis' Catholic Church, and is a member of the Holy Name Society and the Knights of Columbus.

William Owen Kivlighan is married to the

former Isabel Briola of Ambridge, Pennsylvania, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Briola. Her father is still living, although her mother is now deceased. Mrs. Kivlighan attended Mary Baldwin College in Staunton. She and Mr. Kivlighan are among Staunton's leaders in social circles. They are the parents of four children: 1. William Owen, Jr., who was born May 28, 1934 and is now a student at Robert E. Lee High School. 2. Michael Francis, born December 1, 1936. 3. James Richard, born June 1, 1938. 4. Mary Carole, born November 4, 1946.

FORD M. BISSIKUMER—Long active in the business life of the Shenandoah Valley, Ford M. Bissikumer owns and operates a furniture company known as "Ford's Finer Furniture." This store distributes all kinds of furniture throughout a wide area. Its headquarters have been in Verona since 1949.

Mr. Bissikumer was born in New York State, son of Alfred M. and Annie E. (Ford) Bissikumer. His father, now deceased, had a long executive career with the American Locomotive Company. Both parents were born in New York State.

Their only child, Ford M. Bissikumer, attended schools in Dunkirk, New York, completing his grammar and high school studies there, then entered Antioch College, at Yellow Springs, Ohio. After completing his college work, he started his career in sales promotion, representing the Charleston Electric Appliance Company of Charleston, West Virginia. Later he joined the Island Creek Store Company, operators of a chain of thirty-three stores. In 1931 he became Roanoke representative of this same company. Then, in 1941, he came to Staunton and purchased a half interest in the Beverley Furniture Company.

The Beverley Furniture Company carried on its work in Staunton until December 31, 1948, when the partnership was dissolved and Mr. Bissikumer initiated plans to start his own business in Verona. He put up a new and modern building consisting of two floors and constructed in the Williamsburg Colonial style of architecture. Mr. Bissikumer bought a tract of four and one-half acres of land on Route 11, at Verona, his property fronting on the highway. The highway frontage is four hundred seventeen feet in length and the lot extends back four hundred eighty feet to the Chesapeake Western Railway. Ground for the building was broken on April 2. It is of cinder block and steel construction, one hundred by forty feet in area,

providing eight thousand square feet of floor space. In front of the building is a circular driveway, with planted and seeded islands and approaches, and the grounds offer ample off-highway parking accommodations. The showrooms are attractive with interior walls of gray-green. Excellent natural and artificial lighting, with pleasing color tones, creates an atmosphere ideal for furniture demonstration and sales, and every effort is made to appeal to the discriminating buyer. Carpets and lamps are a part of the line distributed by this store, which, aside from those sales and demonstration rooms, has extensive storage space for its furniture stock. In addition to his work with this company, Mr. Bissikumer takes a lively interest in the general affairs of the Shenandoah Valley and local and district organizations. He is a past president of the Staunton Rotary Club, president of Stonewall Jackson Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America, and general chairman of the \$150,000 New Camp Fund. He is head of the men's division of the Community Chest and a leader in Staunton and Verona affairs.

Ford M. Bissikumer married Lucy A. Sohl of Erie, Pennsylvania, a graduate nurse, trained at Warren State Hospital, Warren, Pennsylvania. They became the parents of two children: 1. Joyce R. born February 25, 1937. 2. Karen Gay, born April 2, 1946.

THE WAYNESBORO PUBLIC LIBRARY—

Originating in the action of a Sunday school class in 1912, the Waynesboro Public Library has become one of the outstanding cultural organizations of its kind in this region of the Shenandoah Valley.

The so-called Philathea Class of the Baptist Church, consisting of a group of girls, decided in 1912 that they needed library facilities for themselves and their families and friends, as well as for a wider public. Their only question was how to start. In June of that year their leader, Mrs. Stevens, attended a Sunday school convention in Norfolk, and on her way back home she stopped in Richmond to call on the state librarian. There she discussed ways and means of founding a library in Waynesboro. The state librarian disclosed that the state would send out as many as fifty books at a time, along with bookcases to shelve them and catalog cards to keep track of their disposition and use. It developed that the railroads would even furnish free transportation for shipment. Immediately upon Mrs. Stevens' return to Waynes-

boro, the Philathea Class decided to apply to the state for such a traveling library. The center of operations was to be their Sunday school room, which would be a distribution spot.

As the project became known, borrowers quickly appeared. The room was kept open on Wednesdays and Saturdays from three to seven o'clock. Within a month the little room was inadequate for the new undertaking. The group accordingly moved into the large sunny room occupied by the men's Bible class. Soon a friend of Mrs. Stevens sent three hundred children's books from Springfield, Massachusetts. New shelves were needed, and Charles Via, of the men's class, provided them. On September 7, 1912, the center was opened to the public. Still, it was inadequate to the demands made upon it, and the question of the next step was put to the community as a whole.

Friends of the library plan arranged a lawn party to help raise funds to enlarge the accommodations and provide more books. Everybody helped. The local electric company wired and lighted the Fishburne Military School campus for the occasion, and the local bakery donated ice cream and cake. Housewives contributed cakes and candies, and the Basic City Band furnished music. The party netted one hundred dollars. The circulation figure in September, 1912, was three hundred twenty-one, although the total population of the town was one thousand four hundred. In only a few months the new library had received seven hundred and fifty books. The project was definitely too large for a group of girls who had chosen to start a library as a hobby. They took their troubles to the mayor, W. W. Glass, Jr., who at the regular Town Council meeting fathered the plan that was adopted.

In accordance with this plan, the mayor appointed a board of directors. On November 1, 1912, a resolution was formally adopted to establish a "public library" for Waynesboro. W. W. Dugdale was elected president of the new institution. The first library home was an unoccupied brick building on Wayne Avenue. This building was opened to the public on January 1, 1913, with Virginia Leftwich as librarian. She earned but a small salary, but a start had been made. The library was open at that stage only on Tuesdays and Saturdays, from three to nine o'clock in the afternoon and evening. Book circulation had by then grown to three thousand, one hundred and fifty-one. The library now owned eleven hundred books.

The next development was the purchase of a lot at Walnut and First streets on January 29, 1914. That step was made possible through the generosity of J. A. Fishburne, E. P. Loth, Mrs. M. C. Stevens, M. R. Ellis, Eva L. Ellison, W. A. Rife, William Dugdale and W. A. Pratt. The Town Council at that time requested a levy for support of the library, sufficient to fulfill conditions for seeking and obtaining help from the Carnegie Foundation. A one-mill tax served the purpose. A Library Fund was initiated. And on September 8, 1914, the Carnegie Foundation donated eight thousand dollars for construction of an official library building. The first paid librarian under the Public Library system was Lyda Coiner. The new library building, established under the Carnegie grant, was opened on July 15, 1915, and is today one of Waynesboro's flourishing institutions.

The present librarian is Mrs. Virginia (Lambert) Rogers.

MRS. VIRGINIA LAMBERT ROGERS was born in Waynesboro, daughter of Edward Murray and Annie (Wright) Lambert, both of whom are now deceased. Her father, a civil engineer, spent many years in government service, in the employ of the Department of the Interior. Mrs. Rogers, a graduate of Hollins College obtained her library training with the Extension Division of the University of Virginia, after her husband's death in 1937, and in 1938 was appointed assistant librarian of the Waynesboro Public Library. She was promoted to full librarian in 1945. Mr. E. B. Rogers, who, as already mentioned, died in 1937, was a native of Dendron, Virginia. He attended Virginia Military Institute, and served as a first lieutenant in aviation forces during World War I. Their only son and child, Edward Burnell Rogers, born January 6, 1921, studied at Fishburne Military Academy, but because of the condition of his health was not able to join the military forces in World War II, during which he served the navy in a civilian capacity. He is now engaged in advertising work in New York City. He married Mary Drees, of Carroll, Iowa, and they became the parents of two children, Edward Burnell Rogers III and Richard Rogers.

ROBERT CONRAD HARNSBERGER — A member of the staff of Luray Caverns Corporation since 1936, Robert Conrad Harnsberger also holds other official positions which make him an important figure in an effective program to make

the Shenandoah Valley a tourists' mecca. He is vice-president of Shenandoah Valley, Inc., and of the Virginia Travel Council, and in his own community of Luray has exerted his leadership as member of the town council and as mayor. Few of his fellows have as diligently devoted themselves to the advancement of this region.

Son of Edwin Clement and Lida Elizabeth Harnsberger, he was born at Luray, Virginia, on March 2, 1906. His father was an active figure in the commercial life of the Valley, engaging in various business pursuits including milling, wholesale grocery distribution, the sale of ice and coal, and the operation of a creamery. Robert C. Harnsberger attended grade schools at Waynesboro and Luray and graduated from high school at the latter location. He took college courses at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York, at the University of Wisconsin, and at Kansas State College.

From the completion of his college studies in 1927 until 1936, Mr. Harnsberger was superintendent of the Page Milling Company at Luray. On April 15, 1936, he joined the staff of Luray Caverns Corporation and now serves as director of public relations and advertising in this organization. This work has served as an introduction to a number of other official capacities in groups devoted to promotion and publicity. As has been indicated, Mr. Harnsberger holds the office of vice-president of both the Virginia Travel Council and Shenandoah Valley, Inc., and he is a director of the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce. In his own town of Luray, he is past president of the Rotary Club, and he serves as trustee of the Shenandoah Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America. A Democrat in his politics, Mr. Harnsberger served as a member of the town council of Luray for eleven years, and was for five years mayor of the city.

Mr. Harnsberger is also a member and past president of the Tuesday Night Supper Club in Luray, and a communicant of its Methodist Church.

At Maurertown, Virginia, on November 30, 1933, Robert Conrad Harnsberger married Martha Lou James, daughter of Charles Levi and Sybil (Shaver) James. To them have been born two children: 1. Jacqueline Lou, on October 31, 1935. 2. Nancy Conrad, born February 1, 1937.

GEORGE DAYTON HODGES, of Staunton, has distinguished himself in varied endeavors. He has been an educator on the faculty of Augusta Military Academy, has served responsibly

in public office and represented his district during two sessions of the Virginia Legislature, and is now active in the fields of banking, education, and agriculture, being an orchardist, farmer and stock breeder, and a leader in agricultural organizations.

A native of Washington County, Tennessee, G. Dayton Hodges was born January 22, 1905, son of George Franklin and Florence (Dyer) Hodges. Educated first in the schools of Washington County, Tennessee, he is a graduate of Milligan College in that state with the degree of Bachelor of Science. He has also attended summer school at the University of Virginia.

Upon completion of his academic education, Mr. Hodges taught for one year in the Pulaski High School. Thereafter he was a member of the faculty of Augusta Military Academy for five years, and is at present chairman of the Augusta County School Board. Of recent years, Mr. Hodges has devoted most of his attention to operation of his farm acreage. He engages in general agricultural production, but has been particularly successful as an orchardist and as a breeder of purebred live stock. He is past president of the Virginia Aberdeen Angus Association, and a member of the American Aberdeen Angus Association, the Augusta Farm Bureau, and the Shen-Valley Meat Packers, Inc. In the field of banking, he is a director of the Augusta National Bank of Staunton.

Mr. Hodges has represented his district in the Virginia Legislature for two sessions. He is a past member of the Board of Supervisors of Augusta County, and also past member of the Augusta County Welfare Board. His memberships include the Middlebrook Ruritan Club, and he is a communicant of the Bethel Presbyterian Church.

For recreation, Mr. Hodges enjoys hunting and fishing.

On September 17, 1932, G. Dayton Hodges married Mary Virginia McComb, daughter of William Alexander and Emma A. (Bowman) McComb. Mrs. Hodges was born at "Arbor Hill," Augusta County, near Staunton, June 25, 1903. The Hodges now reside at "Arbor Hill Farms," the family's ancestral home, which was built by Mrs. Hodges' great-great-grandfather, William Young, in 1820. William Young had served with the rank of captain in the War of 1812, and was a son of John Young, who had served in the Revolutionary War. Both are buried in the Trinity Episcopal Churchyard at Staunton. Mary Virginia (McComb) Hodges was educated in the public schools

of Staunton, and is a graduate of Dunsmore Business College in that city. She has also attended Virginia Inter mont College in Bristol, and Mary Baldwin College in Staunton. A member of the Bethel Presbyterian Church, Mrs. Hodges is a teacher in its Sunday school, youth advisor, and a member of the choir. She is a member of the Col. Thomas Hughart Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, and is past president of the following organizations: Beverley Garden Club, Augusta County Tuesday Woman's Club, and the Woman's Auxiliary of the Virginia State Horticultural Society, of the latter of which she was the first president. She is a charter member of the Florence Nightingale Circle and of the King's Daughters, and a member of the board of directors and corporator of the King's Daughters Hospital. She is an active member of the Home Demonstration Club of Augusta County.

Mr. and Mrs. Hodges are the parents of one daughter, Mary McComb. Born October 2, 1935, she is now a pupil in the Robert E. Lee High School in Staunton, is active in the Youth Fellowship group of the Bethel Presbyterian Church, and a member of the church choir.

The Hodges had the honor of being designated the "Master Farm Family" in 1947.

E. EARL KEISTER, newspaper publisher in the Shenandoah Valley since 1912, heads the Shenandoah Publishing House, Inc., of Strasburg. He has developed that community's daily journal, "The Northern Virginia Daily," into one of the foremost small-town papers in the country. He has done remarkable work in what he calls "newspaper evangelism." He is the operator of an advertising agency, and owns and operates a nine-hundred-acre dairy farm. In each of these directions, his constructive energies have made him a most useful citizen of the Valley.

Born in Strasburg on January 17, 1890, Mr. Keister is a son of Orlando Adam and Susie Stover (Jennings) Keister. His father was a telegraph operator and railroad agent who also became a successful merchant. E. E. Keister's public school education took him through the seventh grade, at which time he quit school to learn telegraphy. At seventeen he became a full-fledged railroad telegrapher. Eager for more educational advantages, he employed a private tutor after working hours and was able to enter Roanoke College in the class of 1913.

In the newspaper business since 1912, he first purchased the old home-town weekly, "The Stras-

burg News," and from it developed a chain of five weekly papers. In 1932 he consolidated these weeklies to form the present "Northern Virginia Daily." Many of his personal friends feared for this venture, for Strasburg was a town of only two thousand people. The paper has prospered, however, and today has an audited circulation of more than seventy-five hundred, which is more than three times the population of Strasburg itself. That community is one of the smallest, possibly the smallest, in America to boast a standard-size, six-day-per-week newspaper with Associated Press service. Mr. Keister's publishing enterprises operate under the name of Shenandoah Publishing House, Inc., and they include, besides the publication of "The Northern Virginia Daily," the sponsoring and production of a large number of books and the handling of a large volume of commercial printing for customers in Washington and other points.

Mr. Keister also operates the Keister Advertising Agency. During the years he has had much experience with this field. He was at one time president of Shenandoah Valley, Inc., a regional Chamber of Commerce for the Valley, which continues in existence to the present time, with the prime objective of advertising the region's tourist attractions and scenic and historic points of interest. When Mr. Keister assumed the presidency in 1940, the organization was heavily in debt. Although his term extended through the World War II period, when there were many travel restrictions, Shenandoah Valley, Inc., had accumulated a handsome bank balance when he retired from office six years later.

During the same war period, Mr. Keister was in charge of the United States Treasury Department's newspaper war bond advertising for the three states of Virginia, Maryland and West Virginia, and with the help of several assistants succeeded in placing a continuous series of war bond advertisements in approximately two hundred newspapers in these three states, which was said to be a record throughout the United States, as regards coverage secured by a single individual.

Although carrying many business and civic duties, Mr. Keister has always taken his church obligations seriously. For thirty-odd years he has been a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church Council and has served equally long as superintendent of the Sunday school, during which time the attendance has increased more than fifty per cent. Recently he has spearheaded a drive for an educational building fund, which now stands at

over twenty-five thousand dollars, and to supplement this fund he has induced a number of parishioners to make the church a beneficiary in their wills, a potentially important source of income. Some years ago Mr. Keister served on the United Lutheran Church Board of Social Missions. Currently he is a member of the executive council of the Lutheran Synod of Virginia and a trustee of Roanoke College.

With this considerable newspaper, advertising, and church work experience, Mr. Keister has long felt that the press should be more generally used to awaken the American people to the need for the church in their collective and individual lives. In 1943 he began his study of what had been done by way of church advertising in the secular press. What he learned convinced him that our spiritual development has not kept pace with our tremendous scientific achievements and industrial progress. With his understanding of the American newspaper as the greatest of advertising media, he conceived a program of photography and art to support religious messages in the newspapers in such a way that these messages would reach those who needed them most—those without church affiliation or interest. On August 5, 1944, the first Keister advertisement of this nature was published in the Charleston, West Virginia "Gazette." At the close of 1950, Mr. Keister and his staff had produced more than three hundred advertisements in this series, all of which are furnished to the newspapers in admat form. These may be run in any size up to whole pages. At the beginning of 1945, twelve newspapers were running these advertisements, but by the end of 1950 the series was appearing regularly in over five hundred and fifty newspapers in the United States and Canada. The program has been acclaimed by clergymen, church leaders and newspapermen throughout the country for its quality and effectiveness. Ministers have made the statement that church attendance has increased, and publishers have announced that public reaction is so favorable that they plan to use the program indefinitely. No other religious feature has ever been so successful in so many newspapers over such a long period of time. Of this program of "newspaper evangelism" an outstanding clergyman wrote that he knew "of no organization or individual doing more to bring the claims of the church to the attention of the secular press." Many others have voiced agreement. This aspect of Mr. Keister's publishing operations is taken care of by the Keister Advertising Service, which has

over twenty full-time employees on its payroll. It is annually placing more Christian literature in the newspaper offices of America than any other organization.

In Lancaster, Pennsylvania, September 19, 1918, E. Earl Keister married Arline Landis Johns, daughter of Anson Shirk and Minnie (Landis) Johns, of Lancaster. Mrs. Keister received her education at The Shippen School of Lancaster and at Wellesley College. She has rendered valuable assistance in the editorial aspects of the Keister enterprises. Of their union have been born two sons: 1. William Earl, on May 21, 1924. He received his degree of Bachelor of Arts at Roanoke College and his degree of Master of Arts at Columbia University, majoring in English. He is now in charge of promotion, and has designed most of the recent advertising pieces that have gone out from the Keister Advertising Service to newspapers, ministers and church organizations. 2. John David, who was born March 17, 1927. He too is a graduate of Roanoke College and is now a student at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia.

MATTHEW WHITE PAXTON is a native of Lexington, and was born July 13, 1898, son of Matthew White and Mary Louisa (Hopkins) Paxton. His father was a newspaper publisher; and his grandfather, Brigadier General E. F. Paxton, was for a time chief of staff to General Stonewall Jackson, and was killed at Chancellorsville on May 3, 1863, while in command as brigadier general of the Stonewall Brigade.

On completing his preliminary education in local public schools, Matthew White Paxton entered Washington and Lee University, from which he graduated in 1918 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. His degree of Bachelor of Law was received from the same institution two years later; and he also holds a Bachelor of Law degree from Yale University, received in 1921. In that year he was admitted to the bar, and began the practice of law in Lexington, Virginia. Since 1943 he has served as commissioner of accounts of the Rockbridge County Circuit Court. Mr. Paxton is vice-president and trust officer of the Peoples National Bank of Lexington. He is president of the board of Stonewall Jackson Hospital, Inc., a community hospital project which is expected to bring more comprehensive health service to the people of Lexington and adjacent areas.

Mr. Paxton is a member of Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity, Alpha Tau Omega social fraternity, and

of Phi Beta Kappa and Omicron Delta Kappa honorary societies. He is a Presbyterian in his religious faith and an elder in the Lexington Presbyterian church.

In 1935, upon the death of his father, who had been publisher of the "Rockbridge County News" for forty-seven years, he became publisher of the paper and has continued in that capacity to the present.

During World War I, Mr. Paxton served in the United States Army as a second lieutenant in the infantry. He was stationed in the United States throughout that conflict. Prior to that period, in 1916 and 1917, he had distinguished himself in the sports world as Virginia State Amateur golf champion.

In Lexington, on October 20, 1925, Matthew White Paxton married Nell Brockenbrough Owen, daughter of Robert Leigh and Louise (Brockenbrough) Owen. Mr. and Mrs. Paxton are the parents of two children: 1. Matthew W., Jr., born February 26, 1927. 2. Robert Owen, born June 15, 1932.

EDMUND PENDLETON TOMPKINS, M.D.—

During a long and useful career Dr. Edmund Pendleton Tompkins has distinguished himself as both physician and historian. He has practiced at Natural Bridge, Roanoke, and Lexington, Virginia, and is historian with the Rockbridge Historical Society and the Chamber of Commerce. He has written extensively in both fields of interest.

Dr. Tompkins is a native of Lexington, and was born July 22, 1868, son of John Fulton and Sallie Dudley (Pendleton) Tompkins. His father was a druggist throughout most of his life. He later bought a farm and devoted himself to its management. Late in life he served his community as justice of the peace. During the Civil War he served the Southern cause in the Rockbridge Artillery of the Army of Northern Virginia from 1861 to 1865.

As a youth Dr. Tompkins worked in an engineering corps and was later clerk in the railroad office of the Norfolk and Western Railway in Roanoke. He obtained his early education in public and private schools, then attended Washington and Lee University and the Richmond Medical College. He also attended the New York Postgraduate School. He received the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1897.

For some years Dr. Tompkins practiced at Natural Bridge, Virginia, and thereafter, until

1925, practiced at Roanoke. He has since resided at Lexington, and continued in active practice until January, 1950, when he retired. During his medical career, Dr. Tompkins was a delegate from the Medical Society of Virginia to the International Congress of Medicine in London, England, in August, 1913, and spent six weeks preceding the convening of that congress in travel in central Europe, in the course of which he visited many hospitals and medical centers. From 1926 to the present time he has served as coroner of Rockbridge County.

Dr. Tompkins is now historian and librarian of the Rockbridge Historical Society, and he is also historian of the Rockbridge Chamber of Commerce. He has been at various times member of the Knights of Pythias and the Kiwanis Club of Lexington. He is an Episcopalian in his religious faith. For some years he was a member of Christ Church in Roanoke, and, since 1925, the R. E. Lee Memorial Church in Lexington, of which he has been for several terms vestryman.

In addition to numerous magazine articles and newspaper features on local history, and contributions to the "Virginia Medical Monthly," Dr. Tompkins has written and published two books: "Medical Annals of Roanoke," published by the Stone Printing Company of that city in 1922; and "The Natural Bridge and Its Historical Surroundings," privately published in Kingsport, Tennessee, in 1939. Many of his writings have appeared in the "Virginia Magazine of History," and his newspaper articles have numbered about a hundred.

In St. Louis, Missouri, June 6, 1905, E. Pendleton Tompkins, M.D., married Sarah C. Souther, daughter of Everett Eustace and Cornelia (Castlerline) Souther. Dr. and Mrs. Tompkins have become the parents of two sons: 1. Pendleton Souther Tompkins, M.D., an obstetrician and gynecological surgeon now practicing in San Francisco, California. He was born in June, 1907. 2. Souther Fulton Tompkins, M.D., born February 10, 1916. He now resides in Oklahoma City, where he is an orthopedic surgeon.

ALLEN ROGERS EMMERT—Outstanding in the notable career of Allen Rogers Emmert, a native and lifelong resident of Martinsburg, are his successful operation of "Emmerts," one of the oldest and most up-to-date stores of the city, and his long and consistent record of community service. The Frank S. Emmert and Son establishment celebrated its diamond anniversary in 1947, a monument to the enterprise of father and son

over a long period. Both were frequent and prominent contributors to the best interests of the city, to which the son returned from college four decades ago and plunged into its life and affairs with a vigor and spirit that has not waned with the passing years.

Allen Rogers Emmert was born in Martinsburg, West Virginia, on June 7, 1888, son of Frank Scott and Virginia (Stewart) Emmert, and the grandson of Samuel Emmert, the co-founder of "Emmerts." The grandfather, a miller and paper manufacturer, who lived in Washington County, Maryland, came with B. F. Fiery, a fellow resident, to the small town of Martinsburg in 1872, and opened a small general store that was operated as Emmert and Fiery until 1897, when Mr. Fiery retired. Frank Scott Emmert was associated with the firm from the beginning, and before long had purchased his father's interests and became the junior partner, then sole owner upon the retirement of Mr. Fiery. In 1910, Allen R. Emmert joined the concern, and in 1912 became his father's partner in the business, which since has been Frank S. Emmert and Son, a name retained. Following the death of the elder man in 1916, the son assumed the responsibilities, as sole owner, of the firm, which is universally known as "Emmerts," and is one of the largest, most modern and progressive drygoods establishments in West Virginia.

Allen Rogers Emmert was able to acquire a broad education and after attending the local public schools, went to the old Shenandoah Military Academy, Winchester, before entering the University of Virginia which he attended for two years, 1907-1909. He participated in several extracurricular activities in preparatory school and the university. Baseball and football claimed his interest in high school, but at the Shenandoah Military Academy he made the best reputation as a track man, winner of many hundred and two hundred and twenty yard dashes. He was an ensign in the United States Navy, aviation branch, during World War I. After leaving college, he was for a short time associated with the Val Smith Store at Waynesboro, Pennsylvania, to obtain business training. He then joined the family business, for the leadership of which he had to assume full responsibilities a few years later on his father's death. The expansion of the enterprise under his direction and presidency speaks for itself and his close attention to business, abilities as an executive and administrator, and exceptional capacities for surrounding himself with skilled and loyal associates and employees.

Commerce is not the only field in which Mr.

Emmert excels, for he has constantly sponsored and promoted the best interests of the city in which he has always displayed great faith. Years ago he was one of the pioneers in the installation of the present "White Way," a lighting project very much appreciated by the public. He is a charter member of the Martinsburg Chamber of Commerce and the Retail Business Men's Association, having served the latter also as president, both of which are still active organizations in the city. He is also a charter member and a past president of the Martinsburg Rotary Club, and formerly served as a vice-president and director of Apple Harvest Festival, Incorporated. He is a trustee of the King's Daughters Hospital and a director of the Martinsburg Stadium Association. Mr. Emmert was one of the organizers and is now president of the Berkeley Loan and Thrift Corporation, and is also vice-president of the Berkeley Woolen Company. Other business affiliations are as president and director of the Shenandoah Hotel Corporation, and as director of the Potomac Light and Power Company, the Virginia Woolen Mills of Winchester, and the Varell Mills, Inc., of Middlebury, West Virginia.

A newspaper columnist has said:

Although Mr. Emmert has never taken an active interest in politics, he has served on numerous citizen committees named by city council to advise on business and city improvement matters. He is at present serving on a six-man water and sewerage advisory committee appointed some time ago by council to study ways and means of giving Martinsburg adequate water and sewerage systems.

There have been few financial campaigns carried on in the community which Mr. Emmert has not given a helping hand, the annual Community Fund drives being one of the many. He was also one of the group of business men who organized themselves into the Martinsburg Stadium Association, when the initial drive was made for money to build the new and modern high school stadium.

He is a long-time member of the First Baptist Church of Martinsburg, which he serves as deacon and trustee.

At Roanoke, Virginia, in December 1917, Allen Rogers Emmert married Rosa Rogers of this city, who died in 1929, the daughter of Captain Mortimer Rogers. Mr. and Mrs. Emmert were the parents of two sons: 1. Allen Rogers, Jr., born October 29, 1920; a graduate of Martinsburg High School, St. James School, and the University of Virginia, with the degree Bachelor of Arts, class of 1948; during World War II, he served with the British Eighth Army in Italy, and with the American Field Service. 2. Frank Scott, born August 4, 1925; a graduate of Martins-

burg High School, and the University of Virginia, with the degree Bachelor of Arts, class of 1947, and now associated with his father in Frank S. Emmert and Son dry goods establishment. During World War II, he also served with the British Eighth Army in Italy, and with the American Field Service.

PHILIP NAWRATH HUNTER—In the relatively few years that Philip Nawrath Hunter has been a resident of Charles Town, he has been exceptionally active in the civic, organizational and fraternal circles of the city and county. As district manager of the Potomac Light and Power Company here, he fills an important post exceptionally well. As a member of business clubs he cooperates heartily with many local projects that make for the prosperity and betterment of the municipality. Especially outstanding are his activities with the Boy Scouts of America, a personal hobby of long standing, and in the service of which his name is well known and honored, locally and in the State.

Born at Berkeley Springs, West Virginia, on October 18, 1912, Philip Nawrath Hunter is the son of Raymond and Helen (Everett) Hunter, his father being a contractor and builder. After completing his formal and technical education in the schools of his birthplace and West Virginia University in 1929, he was variously engaged in business for himself until 1935, when he became associated with the Potomac Edison Company in Hagerstown, Maryland. In May of 1939 he transferred to the Northern Virginia Power Company of Winchester, Virginia, from where, in 1945, he accepted appointment as district manager of the Potomac Light and Power Company, in Charles Town. During the ensuing years he has proven himself an able executive whose services are appreciated by the corporation, fellow associates, and the public at large.

Notably public-spirited, Mr. Hunter is identified with a number of civic movements and endeavors. He is a Republican in political outlook, but gives support to worthy candidates and progressive measures, rather than to party affairs. Mr. Hunter is a member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. He is a past master of Hiram Lodge No. 21 of Winchester and belongs to the John Dove Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons and the Chapter Commandery, Acca Temple, in Richmond. Locally, he is vice-president and assistant director of the Community Band; and member of the Kiwanis Club, and of the Board of Trade in

the organization of which he was president. In 1946 he was selected as "The Personality of the Week," by the "Jefferson Republican," upon the occasion of his taking the lead in a drive for raising funds for the Boy Scouts. That same article went on to point out that:

Mr. Hunter is chairman of the Potomac District of the Boy Scouts, comprising Jefferson, Berkeley and Morgan counties. He succeeds B. A. Poland of Martinsburg, and his chief duty is the supervision of the camp planning program. He was instrumental in the purchase of the Boy Scout camp, "Rock Enon," which is located about five miles south of Gore, Virginia.

Mr. Hunter was a Boy Scout and attained the high award of a Star Scout. For the past twelve years he has been actively engaged in Scout work, having served as Commissioner for Scouts for years and prior to that was a skipper for Sea Scouts. He attended the national school for Scout training, and holds the scoutmaster's training award, or training key, which covers a five-year training program for requirements in that field. He also holds the skipper's training key award, for a five-year training program. During this period of training, leadership and ability for training programs are developed, and included in this operation are five years of satisfactory service as a leader.

"Rock Enon," the camp mentioned, is a tract of five hundred and seventy acres for the exclusive use of Scout troops throughout the year. On it are a parade ground and athletic field, an artificial lake, a central building of eight rooms, a caretaker's lodge, and a museum housed in an old mill. In the Shenandoah area the Boy Scouts number about fourteen hundred. In January, 1946, Mr. Hunter was awarded the Silver Beaver in Scouting at Front Royal, Virginia, the highest award which is given to a Scouter or member of a Scouting organization for outstanding service in that work. The award was presented by B. A. Poland of Martinsburg, for the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America. He worships in the Presbyterian faith, sings in the choir and is devoted to religious and humanitarian works. When a resident of Winchester, he was a deacon in the church of the same denomination.

At Hancock, Maryland, October 31, 1934, Philip Nawrath Hunter married Estelle Virginia Heller of this city, daughter of Joseph Allen and Bertie Heller. Mr. and Mrs. Hunter are the parents of two children: 1. Elisa Virginia, born May 28, 1936. 2. Philip Nawrath, Jr., born March 13, 1943.

DOUGLAS CALVIN DIRTING, D.M.D. —

Carrying on a practice of dentistry and medical dentistry, Dr. Douglas Calvin Dirting occupies a

position of high standing in the professional world.

Dr. Dirting was born June 8, 1917, at North Mountain, West Virginia, son of George L. and Anna Ruth (Gletner) Dirting. His father is associated with the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company.

In the schools of his native West Virginia district, Douglas Calvin Dirting received his early formal education, and after graduation from Hedgesville High School in 1935 he entered Shenandoah Junior College, in Dayton, Virginia. He afterward studied at Shepherd College, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1939, and was graduated from Tufts College in 1943 as a Doctor of Medical Dentistry. Starting his professional practice in Martinsburg in 1946, Dr. Dirting at once became one of his community's leading citizens. He still continues his practice and his deep interest in the affairs of his community and state.

Always fond of sports, Dr. Dirting played football, basketball and baseball during his student years, and was for two years a member of the Harrisonburg team in the Virginia Baseball League. During the Second World War he served his country in the Navy, attached to the Forty-first Naval Construction Battalion with the rank of Lieutenant, Senior Grade. He was active in the Pacific Theatre of Operations until he returned to the inactive list in 1946. He is still a member of the Reserve Officers' Corps, and belongs to both the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He is a member of the Potomac Valley Dental Society and the American Dental Association, and belongs to the Kiwanis Club and the Methodist Church.

Dr. Douglas Calvin Dirting married, July 22, 1939, in Stewartsville, Virginia, Ruth Barbara Rice, of Lincoln, Massachusetts, daughter of Warren A. and Ruth H. Rice. They became the parents of a son, Douglas Brooks Dirting, who was born July 16, 1947.

WILLIAM COLE DEMING — The career of William Cole Deming throws some significant side-lights on the movement of the textile industry from the North to the Shenandoah Valley, and other parts of the South. A Northerner by birth, who early moved to the Valley after several years of varied experience, he became identified with the textile trade in Front Royal, where he is the plant manager of the Schwarzenback-Huber Manufacturing Company, of widely spread and notable

operations in the East. Together with the heavy responsibilities of his position, Mr. Deming manages to combine a public spirit that furthers the prosperity and best interests of the city, and is prominent in fraternal orders.

Born at Cass City, Michigan, on August 23, 1894, William Cole Deming is the son of Daniel P. and Clara (Ardel) Deming. His mother lived to 1934, but his father died in 1912, before his son had completed his education. William Cole Deming has been largely the architect of his own career, and never has lacked the courage and the enterprise to initiate and continue projects in which he had faith. After attending the public schools of his birthplace, he became a student at the Randolph-Macon Academy, and completed his formal education at the University of Detroit, Michigan, in 1915. His first employment of note was from 1915 to 1917 in the real estate business, and as operator of a fruit farm in the Mobile, Alabama, section. From 1917 to 1922, he was connected with the Front Royal National Bank. Since 1922 he has been associated with the Schwarzenback-Huber Company in Front Royal. As mentioned, he is plant manager of a corporation that has branches throughout the eastern United States. Its activity is the production of all kinds of silks, including synthetic textiles for industry and women's wear. It is of more than passing interest that this business was introduced in America from Switzerland in 1888, the first plant being established in West Hoboken (now Union City), New Jersey. This town with neighboring cities, became one of the outstanding centers of silk textiles in the Nation, and only with the passing years has lost its primacy. The Front Royal plant where Mr. Deming is rounding out nearly three decades of connection, employs some one hundred and fifty people, and products are shipped over an exceptionally wide territory. He is favorably known as an efficient executive, one who has won and holds the loyalty and cooperation of employees and associates. Republican in political affiliation, his outstanding personal interests are politics and civic affairs, all without ambition for public office. He is popular in the Lions Club, and is affiliated with several fraternal organizations. He attends the Presbyterian Church, and is liberal in contributions of his means and energies to religious and charitable works.

At Front Royal, Virginia, on June 11, 1917, William Cole Deming married Gladys M. Yates, of this city, daughter of Taylor F. and Anna P. Yates.

RAYMOND KENNETH BUTLER, M.D.—So far as the years count, Dr. Raymond Kenneth Butler is a comparatively recent citizen and physician of Front Royal, Virginia. As regards professional education and unusually varied experience, he is one of the progressive and effective medical men in the city, where he is a typical servant of the public. Not content with being a general practitioner, however demanding this work has been, he is active in civic enterprises and cooperates heartily with local organizations, movements and undertakings. His circle of friends is exceptionally wide.

Born at Dayton, Pennsylvania, on November 29, 1899, Raymond Kenneth Butler is the son of Samuel P. and Alice J. (Ellenberger) Butler. His mother died in 1942. His father now lives retired at the age of eighty-nine years. After attending the grammar schools of his birthplace, and the Dayton Normal Institute, the future doctor entered Westminster College, New Wilmington, Pennsylvania, where he was graduated with the class of 1921. For his professional education he went to the University of Pittsburgh, where he received the degree Doctor of Medicine, with the class of 1925. He completed his preliminary preparations for a career as an interne at Mercy Hospital, Pittsburgh, and from 1926 to 1935 practiced his profession in Dayton, Pennsylvania.

The further career of Dr. Butler has many interesting aspects and is significant in the light it throws on the activities, knowledge and experience of some present-day physicians. From 1935 to 1940, he was associated with the United States Government Conservation Corps. Then for about a year he was located at the Madison Court House, Madison, Virginia. With the coming of World War II, Dr. Butler entered the United States Armed Forces on July 1, 1941, and was Regimental Surgeon with the 100th Coast Artillery until 1943. There followed an assignment to the 105th Evacuation Hospital, in the European Theater of Operation, a round of duty that ended in 1945, after some eighteen months. He reverted to inactive status on September 3, 1946, with the rank of lieutenant colonel.

As a civilian, Dr. Butler spent about a year with the United States Veterans Administration at Richmond, Virginia. Since March, 1947, he has engaged in a general practice of his profession at Front Royal, where he has won repute for skilled and effective services, and renders to the city constructive citizenship. In line with his broad outlook upon the developments in his work, Dr.

Butler is a member of the American Medical Association, the Virginia State Medical Society, and the North Virginia Medical Society, and his medical fraternity is Phi Rho Sigma.

At Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on July 20, 1926, Dr. Raymond Kenneth Butler married Hazel Joyce Canair of this city, daughter of Fred Canair and Anna Buckley. Dr. and Mrs. Butler are the parents of two children: 1. Raymond Kenneth, Jr., born July 17, 1927; a graduate of Santa Barbara (California) High School, and the University of Richmond, with the degree Bachelor of Arts, class of 1948, and is now an instructor in the Episcopal High School, Alexandria, Virginia. 2. Joanne, born April 13, 1930, a graduate of Glen Allen High School, at Glen Allen, Virginia. She attended Mary Washington College of the University of Virginia, Fredericksburg, and is a graduate of the Barbizon School of Fashion Modeling, New York City.

JAMES BENNETT—The annals of modern Front Royal, Virginia, contains an unusual roster of important executives attracted by the development of industries in this area of the Shenandoah Valley. Highly rated in this roster is James Bennett, chief plant engineer since 1940 of the American Viscose Corporation, of international fame. Before he had received his degree as an Engineer, he had become associated with this company, and for some years was connected with plants near its Philadelphia headquarters.

James Bennett was born at Glasgow, Scotland, on December 16, 1893, son of James and Jeane (Brown) Bennett, both of whom are deceased. His mother passed away in 1940, and his father survived to 1944. After being graduated from the Chester, Pennsylvania, High School, James Bennett entered the employ of the American Viscose Company in 1914, at the corporation's plant at Marcus Hook, Pennsylvania. Included in his pre-Front Royal experience were: Two years with the Lewistown, Pennsylvania, plant, where he installed No. 6 Unit; one year at the Marcus Hook plant, where he also helped design the Parkersburg, West Virginia plant; then six years at the Parkersburg plant as assistant to the plant engineer. He went to England for three months to study fibre staple manufacturing, and returned to Parkersburg to install a small pilot unit for the manufacture of staple fibre. He designed, built and installed equipment for a staple fibre plant at Nitro, Virginia. Mr. Bennett was at Philadelphia with architects and engineers designing the Front Royal plant,

and in 1937 he supervised the building and installation of equipment here. Since 1940 he has been Chief Plant Engineer of the American Viscose Corporation works at Front Royal.

Mr. Bennett is a graduate mechanical engineer of Drexel Institute, Philadelphia, Evening School, and is affiliated with several engineering associations. He is a member and chairman of the Warren County Planning Commission, figures actively in the Front Royal Club, and is fraternally affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons.

He attends the Episcopal Church, where he is a Junior Warden.

At Chester, Pennsylvania, in July, 1916, James Bennett married Beatrice Caroline Chew of Massachusetts, daughter of Kendall and Caroline Chew. Mr. and Mrs. Bennett have two children. 1. James Delmar, born in June, 1918; a graduate of Parkersburg, West Virginia, High School, and Parks Air College, East St. Louis. During World War II he enlisted in the United States Army Air Corps, and received his honorable discharge in 1946. He and Mrs. Bennett are the parents of two children: James, IV, and Guise. 2. Beatrice Caroline, born in May, 1920, is a graduate of Parkersburg High School and Ohio University. She married Robert Lee Sowers of Bayard, who served in the Aleutian Islands with the United States Army in World War II, and was honorably discharged in 1946 with the rank of corporal. Mr. and Mrs. Sowers have two children: Robert Lee and Yvonne.

PAUL EDWARD ANDERSON—Associated for nearly thirty years with the Winchester Steam Laundry of Winchester, Paul Edward Anderson is now its general manager, an executive whose qualities of business leadership are recognized in his city. The establishment has prospered under his direction, and its operations cover the counties of Frederick, Clarke, Fauquier and Loudoun. Mr. Anderson's success in business has served as a springboard for his active participation in all constructive civic affairs.

He was born in Winchester on September 18, 1902, a son of Edward N. and Branson (Bagent) Anderson, the latter of whom died in 1914. His education was begun in Winchester schools, and after graduation from high school in that city, he attended Shenandoah Valley Academy, from which he was graduated in 1922.

In that year began Mr. Anderson's connection with the Winchester Steam Laundry. This company was established in the early 1900s as a hand

laundry, and its first location was in the Star Building. Its present modern plant was erected on North Kent Street in 1925, and contains complete and efficient laundry and dry-cleaning equipment. The Winchester Steam Laundry operates its three trucks throughout the four northern counties of Virginia. It has on its payroll thirty-seven people; and from the viewpoint of his employees, the customers and the public at large, Mr. Anderson has managed its affairs with exceptional ability and understanding.

Mr. Anderson is a Democrat in his politics. He is active in all manner of programs for the benefit of his city, giving generously of his time, effort and money. In connection with his business he maintains membership in the American Institute of Laundries, the National Institute of Cleaners and Dyers, and the Virginia Laundry Association. He is president of the Lions Club of Winchester, and a member of the Chamber of Commerce. In his religious faith, Mr. Anderson is a Methodist.

At Strasburg, Virginia, July 19, 1923, Paul Edward Anderson married Helen Elizabeth Hurn of that city, the daughter of Carson S. and Beulah Hurn. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson are the parents of two children: 1. Peggie Lee, born in 1924. She is a graduate of Winchester High School and of the Tomey School of Nursing at Sumter, South Carolina. Peggie Lee Anderson married Henry F. Flowers of Sumter, South Carolina, a graduate of Clemson University, and they are the parents of a daughter, Cynthia. During World War II, Henry F. Flowers served in the United States Army Air Corps, carried out missions over enemy territory in Europe, was imprisoned in Germany for three years, and received his honorable discharge in 1946. He is now associated with the North Potomac Edison Company in Hagerstown, Maryland. 2. Gary Edward, who was born September 27, 1938. The Anderson family resides at 441 Handley Avenue, Winchester.

JAMES ROBERT ALEXANDER, JR. — The variety of enterprises in which James Robert Alexander, Jr., of Winchester, has been successful is evidence of remarkable adaptability and exceptional business sense. He has operated an automotive sales agency, been the proprietor of a pharmacy, and, since 1945, has maintained his own office as general insurance and real estate agent. The firm of J. R. Alexander, Jr., located at 113 North Loudon Street, represents some of the best concerns in insurance coverage. Throughout his

business career, Mr. Alexander has likewise been most active in the fraternal and civic programs of his city.

He is a native of Grottoes, Virginia, and was born October 28, 1903, son of James Robert, Sr., and Myrtie (Berry) Alexander. The family is descended from one of two brothers who migrated to America from Scotland in the early years of this country's history. For a member of this family the city of Alexandria, Virginia, received its name. Myrtie (Berry) Alexander died in September, 1927.

In his native Grottoes, James R. Alexander, Jr., attended public schools, and after graduation from high school there he entered Randolph-Macon Academy, where he completed his courses in 1925. Mr. Alexander remained in his native locality for his first position, which entailed advertising and promotion for Grand Caverns, a natural phenomenon which gave the town of Grottoes its name. Grand Caverns were originally designated Weyers Cave; the name was later changed to Grottoes of the Shenandoahs, then to the present style. Mr. Alexander's promotional work continued through 1926 and 1927; but he terminated this connection thereafter to enter the employ of the Norfolk and Western Railway, being engaged in construction work in their shops at Roanoke. One of the projects with which he was identified was the building of a miniature locomotive on a 1927 Buick chassis. This ingenious mechanism toured the country to create publicity for the Grand Caverns. Mr. Alexander was in charge of the tours.

His next position was related to that which he had held with Grand Caverns. It involved advertising and promotion for Shenandoah Caverns, located near Shenandoah, Virginia. In 1930, however, Mr. Alexander permanently took leave of this field, although he has retained and put to constructive use the sense of civic pride which made him successful in these enterprises. His first automobile dealership was in Harrisonburg, where he held the agency for the sale of Ford motor cars. On October 1, 1930, he came to Winchester, and there associated himself with Bickers Motor Company, also a Ford agency, with which he remained until 1934.

Having once made his home in Winchester he has remained there ever since. However, in 1934, he terminated his connection with the automotive field, and on May 1 of that year established, with Garland Spillman, the Spillman-Alexander Drug Company, which located a pharmacy in South

Winchester. Mr. Alexander became sole proprietor through the purchase of his partner's interest on December 1, 1937. However, he disposed of the pharmacy to Hunter M. Gaunt on May 1, 1943.

The next year, Mr. Alexander entered the insurance business. In November, 1944, he became representative in Winchester for the Pilot Life Insurance Company of Greensboro, Virginia. Less than two months afterwards, on January 1, 1945, he opened his own agency under the style of J. R. Alexander, Jr., General Insurance and Real Estate. In the insurance field, Mr. Alexander represents the American Surety Company, the Granite State Fire Insurance Company, the Charter Oak Fire Insurance Company, the American Home Insurance Company, and the National Union Fire Insurance Company. He is also district manager of the North American Assurance Society of Virginia, Inc.

A well-known figure among his professional colleagues, Mr. Alexander is a member of the Winchester Board of Insurance Agents. He takes a vital interest in the Shenandoah Apple Blossom Festival, and was a director of the Grand Feature Parade in 1949. He is also a member of the Chamber of Commerce, a past member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, and past president and director of the Lions Club, of which he is a key member. He is an honorable citizen of Boys Town.

Fraternally, Mr. Alexander is affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and a member of Hiram Lodge No. 21; the Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons; Winchester Commandery No. 12 of the Knights Templar; a Past High Priest of John Dove Chapter; and as a thirty-second degree Mason is a member of Acca Temple in Richmond, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He belongs also to the Modern Woodmen of the World, and is a charter member of Virginia Roost No. 1, of the Exhausted Roosters. In his religious faith, Mr. Alexander is a Methodist.

At Winchester, Virginia, December 3, 1937, James Robert Alexander, Jr., married Elsie P. Crim of that city, daughter of William and Anna Crim. The Alexanders reside at 331 Kent Street. The address of the J. R. Alexander agency is 113 North Loudon Street.

JOHN DUELL GLOVER—Manager of the Gulf Oil Corporation's plant in Winchester, one of that city's vital industries, is John Duell Glover, who

has been associated with that great organization since 1916. Mr. Glover has taken a vital part in the life of the community, is identified with the banking field, and is vice-president of a local lumber company.

Born in Mount Ephraim, New Jersey, June 23, 1896, John Duell Glover is a son of George Edward and Mary (Davis) Glover. His ancestors in the paternal line arrived from England in 1703 and made their home in Pennsylvania. George Edward Glover died in 1944, and his wife four years later.

John Duell Glover began his education in the public schools of Mount Ephraim, and graduated from the Haddon Heights High School, Haddon Heights, New Jersey, in 1913. The next year he completed his courses at the Banks Business College, in preparation for a career in the commercial field.

Mr. Glover became associated with the Gulf Oil Corporation at the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, office in 1916. He remained in the Quaker City for five years; and from 1921 until 1927 was engaged in the sales aspect of the company's operations at Collingswood, New Jersey. He returned to the Philadelphia office in 1927, accepting a responsible position in sales promotion; and since 1931 he has been in Winchester, coming to that city on September second of that year in the capacity of manager of one of the company's plants. His has been an outstanding career in the service of the Gulf Oil Company.

Mr. Glover is also vice-president of the P. W. Plumly Lumber Corporation of Winchester. Mr. Glover has also shown a marked interest in community life through his activities in the Chamber of Commerce. He is fraternally affiliated with the Blue Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

During World War I, John Duell Glover served his country as an ambulance driver for the American Red Cross. He left for France, for service on the line, on March 26, 1918, and received his honorable discharge on January 28, 1919.

Mr. Glover is an independent in his politics, and he and his family are communicants of the Presbyterian Church.

At Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, John Duell Glover married, June 4, 1921, Marie A. Cunningham of that city, daughter of John A. and Louise M. Cunningham. Mr. and Mrs. Glover are the parents of two sons: 1. John Duell, Jr., born February 11, 1924. He is a graduate of Handley

High School in Winchester and of the University of Pennsylvania, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts with major in finance and business administration, in 1947. Between the time of his graduation from high school and his college studies, John D. Glover, Jr., served in the United States Army. He was in combat during World War II with the 100th Infantry Division, and was stationed in the European theater of operations from October, 1944, until shortly before the time of his honorable discharge, April 1, 1946. 2. Robert Edward, born July 8, 1929. He attended Handley High School in Winchester, graduated from Mercersburg Academy in Pennsylvania, and is now attending the University of Pennsylvania, where he is a member of the class of 1953.

WILLIAM H. JAGO—Among the outstanding personalities who are helping maintain and build the Appalachian Electric Power Company and thereby serving the Shenandoah Valley is William H. Jago, who is the company's system superintendent of transportation. Mr. Jago has a reputation outside public utilities in the fraternal world.

He was born at Rensselaer Falls, New York, on February 6, 1906, the son of the Rev. William H. Jago, a Methodist minister, and Grace (Bradford) Jago. After attending the elementary and high schools of New York State, the younger William Jago studied at Mount Hermon Preparatory School in Massachusetts in 1923. Later he took a correspondence course in automotive engineering with Michigan State College.

In 1926 Mr. Jago went to work for the Consolidated Light and Power Company at Huntington, West Virginia, and was made foreman of the transportation department. Later he held positions of similar responsibility with the Ohio Valley Railway and the Ohio Valley Bus Company. He left the latter when it was sold in 1928, and soon afterward became supervisor of district transportation for the Appalachian Electric Power Company at Roanoke. In 1943 he was promoted to his present post of system superintendent of transportation, with headquarters at 211 Huntington Boulevard, Roanoke. He holds the thirty-second degree in Masonry and is a Noble of Kazim Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Roanoke. Also, he is active in the Roanoke Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Mr. Jago married Glenna Evans at Huntington on June 29, 1929, and they are the parents of one

son, William H. Jago, Jr., who was born in July 8, 1935. They worship at the Methodist Church in Roanoke.

ROBERT GLENN CALHOUN—Among those who have had a hand in guiding the Appalachian Electric Power Company in the great service it is rendering Shenandoah Valley is Robert Glenn Calhoun, administrative assistant to the assistant secretary, with offices in Roanoke. He is a man well known in the community outside the public utility business and is active in fraternal circles.

Born in Kingsport, Tennessee, on November 25, 1904, Mr. Calhoun is the son of James Henderson and Virginia (Galloway) Calhoun. His father is a salesman. Graduated from the Kingsport High School in 1925, Robert G. Calhoun then attended Clemson Agricultural College at Clemson, South Carolina. He has been in the public utilities field since 1927, having started in that year as a payroll clerk with the Kingsport Utilities, Inc., in his native city. He rose from that position to local office manager in 1936. In March, 1944, he resigned from the Kingsport concern to accept the post of local office manager with the Appalachian Electric Power Company at Charleston, West Virginia, and it was exactly two years later that he was promoted to administrative assistant to the assistant secretary and transferred to Roanoke. He is a member of the Roanoke Lodge, No. 197, Benevolent and protective Order of Elks, and he worships in the Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Calhoun married Pauline Stone, the daughter of George E. and Elzora (Gray) Stone, at Kingsport on November 28, 1926. They have one son, Robert Glenn Calhoun, Jr., who was born on July 15, 1933.

WILLIAM STEWART PEEK—Among the outstanding electric and power men of Roanoke, William Stewart Peek is well known and popular. He is one of the large group of highly specialized personnel associated with the Appalachian Electric Power Company who have served long and well, having to his credit thirty years connection, during many of which he has been superintendent of the Service Department.

Born in Covington, Georgia, on February 1, 1885, William Stewart Peek is the son of John William and Isabella (Hutchins) Peek. His father is a farmer and a merchant operating under the trade title of Lee and Peek in Covington. The elder man is prominent in civic circles, being a

member of the city council, and active in the promotion of many local projects. William S. Peek was graduated from the grammar and high schools of his birthplace, and later to enlarge his knowledge of his chosen vocation, completed courses in electrical engineering with the International Correspondence School. He started on his present line of endeavor with the Postal Telegraph Company as a lineman. In 1902 he went with the J. E. Hunnicutt Company in Nevada, doing inside wiring, but after about a year joined the Atlanta Telephone Company, at Atlanta, Georgia, doing cable work. He followed this with a connection with the Southern Bell Telephone Company, engaged in cable and tow line installations over its entire system, in six states. Of this same period was employment with the Richmond, Virginia, trolley system, and in July, 1906, he went to Washington, D. C., where for two months he was employed by the Automatic Fire Alarm Company. He then joined the Postal Telegraph and Telephone Company, also in Washington, D. C., to build a relay telegraph office.

On April 15, 1907, Mr. Peek came to Roanoke to work for the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company as foreman of a cable gang. On September 15, of that same year, he joined the Appalachian Electric and Power Company in Roanoke, a connection that never has been broken. During World War I, the United States War Department "borrowed" him in February, 1918, from the company with which he was connected at that time, and before the end of the conflict he had built, among other works, an electric power house and transmission system for the United States Army at Saltville, Virginia. At the beginning of 1919 he rejoined his company and was placed in charge of the Service Department. Since 1932 he has been superintendent of substations and the service department of the Appalachian Electric and Power Company. In connection with his position he has exceptionally wide contacts and is popular with both the clients of the corporation and its employees. He was unusually busy during World War II, keeping up operations under difficult conditions, and in cooperating with civilian endeavors.

Fraternally Mr. Peek is affiliated with the Virginia Heights Blue Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, a member of the higher bodies of the Order, including the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and the Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. With his two sons he attends the Green Memorial Methodist Episco-

pal Church, while his wife and daughter are members of the First Baptist Church.

At Baltimore, Maryland, on December 30, 1906, William Stuart Peek married Lena Eugenie Thomason, of Washington, D. C. Mr. and Mrs. Peek are the parents of three children: 1. John Merriwether, born August 9, 1908. 2. Ida Belle, who married Buck Lyles. 3. William Stewart, Jr.

HOLMAN WILLIS — Holman Willis has for many years been a prominent figure at the bar of Roanoke, but he is perhaps still more widely known to the general public for the vigorous part he has played in the political affairs of his locality. A clear and forceful impromptu speaker, Mr. Willis' influence has been given much credit in determining the success of local candidates. He himself has served as a member of the House of Delegates, as Senator, and as Democratic Floor Leader. Mr. Willis is at present practicing his profession in association with his son, Holman Willis, Jr.

Mr. Willis was reared in Orange County, Virginia, and on the St. Johns River in Florida, where his father went for his health. His parents were John Milton and Mary Young (Holman) Willis. His father was a Baptist clergyman, associated with the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, although he engaged in the practice of law as a young man.

Holman Willis completed his secondary education in Lynchburg, Virginia, and after graduation from the high school there entered Locust Dale Military Academy in Madison County. He is a graduate of the University of Richmond with the degree of Bachelor of Laws, class of 1903, and he took post-graduate work in law at the University of Virginia in 1904.

Admitted to the Virginia bar in 1903, his legal career, however, dates from 1904. On October 4, 1904, he began a practice of law in Buena Vista, Virginia, where he remained until January, 1909. Mr. Willis then removed his practice to Roanoke, where he has continued since. He has maintained the same offices in the Mountain Trust Bank Building in that city for more than thirty years. Mr. Willis is vice-president and general counsel of the Mountain Trust Bank and is associated with other business interests in the city.

Early in his career Mr. Willis entered the political arena, although his activity has been chiefly in support of others whom he believed to be worthy of positions of leadership. As a speaker he is undoubtedly responsible for the election of men

whose candidacy he seconded in eloquent fashion. During the course of the recent election (1949) he spoke over the radio on behalf of Senator John S. Battle, who was elected and is now Governor. In addition to his generous and effective support of others Mr. Willis has served conscientiously and with distinction in representing the people of his district, being first elected to the Virginia House of Delegates, in which he took his seat in 1914 and two years later he was made Democratic floor leader. He thus served until he was sent to the Senate, where he remained from 1923 to 1927. During World War I, Mr. Willis served on the Advisory Draft Board of Roanoke.

His son, Holman Willis, Jr., joined him in practice in 1940, participated in World War II, along with his two brothers and one brother-in-law, and rejoined the firm in 1945. Father and son are both held in high regard by their professional colleagues and the public alike.

Mr. Willis is a member of the Shenandoah Club, and he and his family attend St. John's Episcopal Church in Roanoke.

At Haymarket, Prince William County, Virginia, June 18, 1913, Holman Willis married Bess Brower, daughter of Dr. Charles F. and Frances Sanders Brower, her father being a physician. Mr. and Mrs. Willis are the parents of four children: 1. Frances, who married Dr. Hall Davis, and lives in Roanoke. 2. Holman Willis, Jr., who, as indicated above, has joined his father in practice. 3. Keith Willis and 4. Gordon Churchill Willis successfully operate a business in Roanoke which is owned by the family.

JAMES BREAKELL—Long active in the engineering of textile plant construction, James Breakell has had much to do with the planning of rayon manufacturing plants in both the United States and England. He is now chief plant engineer in Roanoke, where he has had supervision over the building of the factory of the American Viscose Corporation.

Mr. Breakell was born December 1, 1887, in Preston, Lancashire, England, son of Henry and Agnes (Clayton) Breakell. His father was a tailor.

After completing his elementary education, James Breakell became an apprentice in mechanical drafting when he was only fourteen years old. His work in that connection was with Thomas Dryden and Sons, in Gremshaw Street, Preston, England, where he continued until he was twenty-one years old, working his way up to the position of drafts-

man. Answering a blind advertisement, he found to his surprise that its author was his own uncle, J. Clayton, who afterwards built the first three rayon manufacturing plants in the United States. Before coming to this country, however, Mr. Breakell served as chief engineer in the textile firm of the Samuel Courtauld Company, Ltd., pioneers in the production of rayon fabrics. His headquarters were at that company's plant in Coventry, England.

After some years of such work in his native land, Mr. Breakell sailed on April 2, 1910, aboard the "Baltic," for America. His purpose for coming to the New World was to build the first rayon manufacturing plant in this country. It was situated at Marcus Hook, Pennsylvania. As a draftsman, Mr. Breakell was active in laying out machinery. In 1916 he was transferred to Roanoke as chief plant engineer, and was assistant to his uncle, Mr. Clayton, in the supervision and building of the plant of the American Viscose Corporation, which started operations in 1917.

Since that time, Mr. Breakell has continued his work along these same lines, while he also has figured in a wide range of engineering, civic and other activities. During World War II he was supervising engineer in charge of the production of anti-aircraft guns at Roanoke. Among his other undertakings, he is a director of the Southwest Building and Loan Association. In the Chamber of Commerce, he serves as a member of the industrial committee. One of his favorite spare time occupations is singing, and Mr. Breakell has figured in many amateur theatrical productions. He was the first man ever to sing over the radio from Station WBDJ, Roanoke. He is a past president of the Lions Club, a member of the Roanoke Country Club and a leader in the Christ Episcopal Church, where he is soloist. In the Free and Accepted Masons, he belongs to different Scottish Rite bodies and Kazim Temple (Roanoke) of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He has also served as manager of the Kazim Chanters since 1922.

James Breakell married, August 12, 1912, in Marcus Hook, Pennsylvania, Maude Watkinson, daughter of James and Eve Watkinson. They became the parents of three children: James Henry, Virginia Maude and Stanley Breakell.

CLARENCE MORTIMER HAWKINS — A leader in the contracting field in the Shenandoah Valley, Clarence Mortimer Hawkins has since 1948 held the office of vice-president of B. F. Parrott

and Company, Inc., in Roanoke. He has been with the firm since 1937.

A native of Alexandria, Virginia, Mr. Hawkins is a son of Isaac M. and Heloise (Berry) Hawkins. His parents were both natives of Culpeper County. After completing his preparatory education in the local public schools, he entered the University of Virginia, taking courses in the department of engineering from which he graduated in the class of 1931.

He was resident engineer and inspector during 1931 and 1932, on the City of Martinsville power project. From 1933 to 1937 he was project superintendent and associate engineer, National Park Service, Department of the Interior. In 1937, he resigned from the Park Service to become associated with B. F. Parrott and Company, General Contractors of Roanoke. Upon incorporation of the firm in 1948, he was made vice-president.

He is a member of the Roanoke Country Club, The Shenandoah Club, and the Rotary Club of Roanoke, and attends the Second Presbyterian Church.

On August 29, 1936, he married Elizabeth Louise de Shazo, daughter of William T. and Nannie (Pratt) de Shazo. They are the parents of two children: 1. Elizabeth Barr, born March 17, 1941. 2. Clarence Mortimer, Jr., born March 22, 1945.

JOSEPH BENJAMIN WOOD and LILLIAN PEARL WOOD—In his lifetime the late Joseph Benjamin Wood of Goshen was accorded many honors—not only by the entire Valley but by the nation, through the President and the "First Lady"—and since his death his memory has continued to be honored. And his widow, Mrs. Lillian Pearl Wood, who shared these honors in his lifetime, now wins them singly through her own valuable endeavors. For both Mr. and Mrs. Wood through their many years made an extraordinary contribution in the Valley. He was active and influential in banking, the fraternal world and the Democratic Party. Mrs. Wood was an educator of note and also a leader in various organizations, in which, though now retired, she retains her influence.

Joseph Benjamin Wood was born in Albemarle County, Virginia, on September 1, 1869, the son of Joseph Wood, who was a farmer of note in that county. He worked on the family farm and attended a small country school near his birthplace in the county. When he was nearly twenty years old, in 1889, Mr. Wood moved to Goshen, where he learned telegraphy as an employee of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad. For about a year he

was telegrapher in the Goshen station, but in 1890 was transferred to Millboro as agent. From 1928 to 1939, the year of his death, he was agent at Goshen. Very active in the Democratic Party, Mr. Wood knew most of the celebrities of that organization, including Franklin Delano Roosevelt and Eleanor Roosevelt. In the days when the Roosevelts were in the White House, Mr. Wood was invited there three times and he was a guest of Colonel Stealey of the "Louisville Courier-Journal" at one of the famed Gridiron dinners in the National Press Club, Washington, D. C. He was also a close friend of William G. McCormick of Chicago, the founder of Kappa Sigma fraternity at the University of Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Wood were the hosts at Goshen to Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt in 1935 and in 1936 they were the guests of President and Mrs. Roosevelt at the White House. Mr. Wood was a member of the Methodist Church and was prominent in many bodies of the Masonic order, especially in Acca Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at Richmond, as well as in the Order of Chesapeake and Ohio Telegraphers. He died on November 20, 1939, one of Shenandoah Valley's most honored men.

Mrs. Wood was born Lillian Pearl Teter, the daughter of William L. and Permelia (Van Horn) Teter, on September 9, 1873. Her education was considerably more extended than her husband's. She, too, however, attended a one-room country school; this was in Goshen. Later, she was a student in a private school at Bells Valley, Virginia, and in 1892 she attended Valley Seminary at Waynesboro. In 1900 she was at the University of Chicago and, subsequently, she took post-graduate courses there. Mrs. Wood began teaching in private schools at Goshen in 1892. From 1896 to 1902 she was principal of the Goshen High School. Also, she taught mathematics and Latin at the Millsboro High School from 1922 to 1928 and at Goshen High School from 1930 to 1946. She was State Superintendent of Primary Work in the Virginia Interdenominational Sunday School Convention in 1905, and in the same year was the State's delegate to the International Sunday School Convention in Toronto, Canada. Also, she represented Virginia as a delegate to the National Education Association conventions in Portland, Oregon, Denver, Colorado, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and Cincinnati, Ohio. She is a former president of the Rockbridge County Teachers Association and is a member of the American Classical League, the Teachers of Latin, the Classical Sec-

tion of the National Education Association, the Virginia Education Association, the Rockbridge Historical Society and the Natural Bridge Garden Club. Active in the Presbyterian Church, from 1895 to 1910 she built and conducted the Panther Gap Mission in Rockbridge County, near Goshen.

Mrs. Wood, since her retirement, has established on the third floor of her home a Latin Quarter, open to friends, visitors and high school students taking Latin. Here are displayed objects and classical pictures of antiquity. While still a teacher in the Goshen High School, Mrs. Wood sponsored a number of Roman banquets to commemorate Roman festivals, and their pageantry was complete with the costumes, customs, food, language, dances and songs of the ancient Romans. Pictures of these banquets line a wall in Mrs. Wood's Latin Quarter, which today is a shrine dear to local Latin students. Honored and revered by the students of the Goshen High School, their Latin club now bears Mrs. Wood's name.

She and Mr. Wood were married in Washington, D. C., on May 23, 1910, and together they became famous in Shenandoah Valley. She is still one of the most highly honored women in the Valley.

KENNETH NATHAN BYRNE, M.D.—A leading physician in the Valley, with a practice tending toward a specialization in the diagnosis and treatment of chest conditions, Dr. Kenneth Nathan Byrne of Lexington is also well known for his interest in other fields of endeavor. A veteran of World War II, he is especially active in veterans' affairs and in the work of medical, fraternal and civic organizations.

Dr. Byrne was born at North Adams, Massachusetts, on February 6, 1911, the son of William James and Edith (Tandy) Byrne. His father, a civil engineer, is now division superintendent on the Boston and Maine Railroad. At the beginning of his long scholastic career, which eventually led him to his medical degree, Dr. Byrne was graduated in 1929 from the Barbourville, West Virginia, High School. In 1933, he took the degree of Bachelor of Science at Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Auburn, and in 1937 his degree of Doctor of Medicine at the Medical College of Virginia, in Richmond. His internship at the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad Hospital in Huntington, West Virginia, followed. From 1938 to 1939 he was resident physician at the United States Marine Hospital, Key West, Florida.

In November, 1939, Dr. Byrne came to the Valley and established his practice at Lexington.

He had been there less than a year and one-half, his reputation constantly growing, when, amid the "national emergency" which preceded American entry in World War I, he went into the military service. This occurred on March 15, 1941, when he was commissioned a first lieutenant and sent to Fort Eustis. There he remained until 1943. He then went overseas with the 222nd Station Hospital, and by this time he was holding the rank of major. For nearly two years Dr. Byrne was in the South Pacific Theater of Operations, and was active in the Solomon Islands and Guadalcanal campaigns. He suffered a dislocated ankle in the course of battle and was evacuated to the States in January, 1945, and hospitalized at Oliver General Hospital at Augusta, Georgia. When he recovered he was made Chief of Physical Medicine at the Hospital Center, Camp Pickett, Virginia, with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He was separated from the service on January 1, 1946. He immediately resumed his practice in Lexington, where his office is located in the Dold Building, and is director of the Out-Patient Chest Disease Clinic in Lexington and staff physician at the Jackson Memorial Hospital.

Professionally Dr. Byrne is a member of the Rockbridge County Medical Society, the Medical Society of Virginia, the Southern Medical Association, the American College of Chest Physicians and Alpha Epsilon Delta, the honorary medical fraternity. He is also a member of Phi Beta Pi, the Knights of Pythias, the Masonic Blue Lodge, the Knights Templar (Moomaw Commandry), and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was commander of the Lexington Post, No. 1499, V. F. W., in the year 1946-47. His church is the Baptist.

Dr. Byrne married Dolores Wakefield Lambert, the daughter of Fred and Nancy B. (Peyton) Lambert, in Waukegan, Illinois, on November 12, 1933. They have three children: Mary Dolores Byrne, born June 14, 1939; Judith Wakefield Byrne, born October 25, 1945, and Kenneth James Byrne, born February 7, 1947.

WILLIAM HORACE LACKEY — Mr. Lackey was born on a farm in Rockbridge County, March 18, 1881. He is the son of H. A. (Hall) Lackey and Margaret Wilson Lackey, both of whom were born in Rockbridge County, and of Scotch Irish descent.

H. A. Lackey was a school teacher in the public schools of Rockbridge County for a number of years, and for twenty-four years was Commis-

sioner of Revenue in South River District. He spent three years as a cavalry man in McCausland's Brigade in the War Between the States.

William Horace Lackey was educated in the public schools of his native county, and in 1900 started as a clerk for a hardware store, founded in 1865 and owned by H. H. Myers and his son A. Nelson Myers. Mr. H. H. Myers died in 1901 and A. Nelson Myers in 1907. At this time the firm formerly operated as H. H. Myers & Son was incorporated as Myers Hardware Company, with Mr. Lackey as the secretary and treasurer, which position he has occupied up to the present time.

From his youth he has been active in church work, and in 1911 was elected Deacon in the Lexington Presbyterian Church; in 1921 he was elected Elder. Since 1919 he has been teaching the A. T. Graham Bible Class (a class for men, with about seventy-five members).

In 1904 he was initiated into Mountain City Lodge No. 67, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and later advanced through Rockbridge Royal Arch Chapter No. 44, and Moomaw Commandery No. 27, Knights Templar, and is Past Master, Past High Priest, and Past Commander of the bodies; and for some years a member of Kazim Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of Mystic Shrine, of Roanoke, Virginia.

In 1910 he married Nannie Parry Laird, daughter of John E. Laird and Nannie Parry Laird, both of whom were natives of Rockbridge County and of Scotch Irish descent. They have one daughter, Margaret McKee Lackey, who was born November 11, 1911.

CAPTAIN HORATIO EDWIN THOMPSON—

Now in the ninth decade of his life and retired only because his "eyes gave out," Captain Horatio Edwin Thompson of Lexington may look back at a long record of service to the nation in time of peace and war. An automobile dealer and farmer, Captain Thompson gave volunteer service on a distinguished level in World War I, as commanding officer of the Virginia Volunteer Provisional Guards, and since that time has participated in many major homefront activities, including the work of his Presbyterian church and the election machinery of Rockbridge County.

Captain Thompson was born at "Church Hill," the old home of his family at Lexington, on December 17, 1868. This is the home in which he lives today. The actual house was built only a short time before the War Between the States,

and stands on the site of the old home of General Sam Houston. The family of Joseph Kinneer, father-in-law of the first Horatio Thompson, bought the land and the original house from Sam Houston's mother on September 1, 1806, paying her one thousand pounds sterling for them. "Church Hill," as the place was named, has been continuously in the Thompson family since then. Born there too was Captain Thompson's father, John Andrew Thompson. The mother was Alice Ida (Davenport) Thompson, a native of the county. John Andrew Thompson, essentially a scholar, was a farmer most of his life. However, he also operated a general store and the Timber Ridge Post Office—the mail was brought to it for years by mail coach—and was active in numerous public programs. He was a graduate of Washington and Lee University, and not only studied law but also theology, though he never actually practiced as a minister. Throughout the four years of the War Between the States, John Andrew Thompson served in the Rockbridge Artillery under "Stonewall" Jackson.

Captain Thompson was educated in private schools in Rockbridge County. He began his career in Lynchburg with his uncle, T. H. Davis, wholesale grocer. Later, he went to work as a salesman in Philadelphia, where he remained for seventeen years, associated with various firms, including J. H. Wigman and Sons. At the end of the seventeen years he returned to "Church Hill" and for a time sold automobiles for a Ford dealer and then for Mr. Woody. Meantime he farmed on the old home estate, with the aid of hired employees. He finally retired, because of poor eyesight.

When he was in Philadelphia, Captain Thompson was a member of the Pennsylvania National Guard, attached to the Second Regiment, Third Brigade. In World War I he organized the Virginia Volunteers of the Provisional Guards, established to take the place of the National Guard, which had been Federalized and incorporated into the Regular Army. He was elected Captain of the unit. General Pershing reviewed the Volunteers at Lexington and, impressed by the showing they made, shook hands with Captain Thompson and said, "That is a very important branch of the Service." In addition to this work, Captain Thompson has been a Judge of the Election Precinct at South River. He has been an elder in the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church at Timber Ridge since 1902 and throughout most of that period has also been superintendent of the Sunday School system. This has

included the Grand View and Mount Atlas Out-post Sunday Schools.

Captain Thompson married Judith Edna Thompson, the daughter of Samuel Givens and Sarah Frances (Adams) Thompson, at Lynchburg on July 21, 1903. They are the parents of two children: Horatio Davenport Thompson, born April 18, 1904, who married Mildred Ann Goodman, and is the father of Mildred Ann Thompson, Horatio Davenport Thompson, Jr., and Charles Edward Thompson; and Louis Chapman Thompson, born October 7, 1905, who married Frances Eglentine Goodman. Mrs. Thompson, whose mother was born at Rockbridge Baths, is also well known in the Shenandoah Valley. She is active in many welfare programs.

MARION ROLSTON WEAVER, of Harrisonburg, has been profitably engaged in the dairy business throughout his career, or for a period of nearly thirty years. His company bought at Harrisonburg in 1934 a plant which has become the nucleus of an expanding enterprise. He is now manager and treasurer of this firm, known as Valley Creamery, Inc., which operates one of the most modern plants in the Shenandoah Valley. Mr. Weaver has also participated constructively in civic affairs, and has served as city councilman.

Born October 1, 1900, Marion R. Weaver is a native of Rockingham County. His father, Raleigh Jacob Weaver, was a farmer by occupation, tilling considerable acreage in that county. He married the former Sally Heatwole. Attending the public schools of Rockingham County, Marion R. Weaver completed his education there, before forming his first business association, in 1922, with the Valley Creamery, Inc., at Penn Laird, Virginia.

In 1928, Mr. Weaver, whose career had already taken the course it has followed since, became manager of the Valley Creamery. This business enterprise expanded in 1934, when the company bought the Farmers and Merchants Dairy in Harrisonburg and immediately started operations which were to prove successful. As volume of business expanded, new facilities became necessary, and in 1948, construction was begun on a new plant, which was occupied by the company in 1949. There, ice cream and butter are manufactured, operations which comprise a large part of the company's work. Mr. Weaver has been manager and treasurer of the company since 1928. In addition to the plant at Harrisonburg, where Mr. Weaver has his offices, this company also

operates plants at Meyers Cave and Woodstock, under the name of the Valley Creamery, Inc.

Mr. Weaver was elected city councilman of his community in 1947, and will continue to serve until 1951. He is a member of the Kiwanis Club in Harrisonburg.

In Rockingham County, in 1921, Marion Rolston Weaver married Annie R. Shank, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob L. Shank. Mr. and Mrs. Weaver are the parents of a son, Winston O. Weaver.

WALTER FRANKLIN GREEN, JR.—In the automotive industry Walter Franklin Green, Jr., has played an important role in Harrisonburg and this region of the Shenandoah Valley. Since 1931, he has been associated with the Bear Auto Parts Company, of which he is now sales manager.

Mr. Green was born October 29, 1896, in Richmond, Virginia, son of Walter Franklin and Mattie May (Griffin) Green. His father was secretary and treasurer of the Richmond Grain Exchange.

Richmond schools provided the early education of Walter Franklin Green, Jr. His first employment was with the Benjamin T. Crump Company, in Richmond, automotive parts jobbers and manufacturers. For a brief period in 1917 he remained with that organization, then left it to enter the navy during World War I. Starting his service as a machinists' mate aboard a patrol boat, the U. S. S. "S.P. 200," he continued for seven months until 1918. Then, at the conclusion of hostilities he returned to the Benjamin T. Crump Company, remaining with them until 1931 as a sales representative in the North and South Carolina and Shenandoah Valley areas. It was in 1931 that he became associated with the Bear Auto Parts Company as a salesman, continuing in this capacity for a decade until assigned to his present position as sales manager in 1941.

In addition to his work with the Bear Auto Parts Company, he takes a lively interest in the affairs of the Harrisonburg community. He is a member of the Harrisonburg Chamber of Commerce. For years active in the Kiwanis Club, Mr. Green was elected president of the organization for 1950, and served as chairman of its program committee in 1949. In 1948 he was elected as city councilman of Harrisonburg to serve until 1952. He is also vice chairman of the Welfare Board and its representative on the City Council. During the "Selective Service Act of 1948" Mr. Green was chairman of the Harrisonburg Draft Board. He was formerly president of Hose Company No. 4. In the American Legion he was commander of



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Rockingham Post No. 27 in 1946. In 1947 he was elected second vice-commander, in 1948 first vice-commander, and in 1949 was made commander of the Seventh District organization. In August, 1950, he was elected vice-commander of the Department of Virginia for the Seventh and Eighth Districts. He also belongs to the "40 and 8" and is a member of the Past Commanders' Club of the American Legion of Virginia. He is a director of the Veterans Memorial Association Inc. of Harrisonburg. In the Free and Accepted Masons he is affiliated with the Royal Arch Chapter, the Knights Templar Commandery, and Acca Temple (Richmond) of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He belongs to the Methodist Church.

Walter Franklin Green, Jr., married January 28, 1926, in Gaffney, South Carolina, Mary Elizabeth Tabb, daughter of William A. and Lula O. (Hickman) Tabb, of Houston, Mississippi. They became the parents of a son, Walter Franklin Green, III, born November 21, 1926.

JAMES MATHEW KAVANAUGH—For many years owner and manager of the Kavanaugh Hotel in Harrisonburg, James Mathew Kavanaugh has become widely known throughout the years as genial host to the many thousands of people passing through this Shenandoah Valley city. His enterprise has grown, both in size and favor, as the community about it has developed, and it is now in its forty-fifth year of service under Kavanaugh management. Mr. Kavanaugh has been no less devoted to the welfare of his city, and the cause of his church, than to the commercial endeavor which has made him an outstanding citizen.

He was born on a farm two miles from Harrisonburg on December 25, 1869, and is a son of James and Mary (Hickey) Kavanaugh. His father was a farmer, but he too became interested in hotel management, and operated an establishment which stood on the site of the present Kavanaugh Hotel. The old building was operated as The Virginia Hotel.

James Mathew Kavanaugh attended the schools of Harrisonburg, and after graduation there continued his education privately. During his school years made a thorough acquaintance with the workaday world, and, to use his own phrase, "worked at anything I could get." Among his early occupations were working in the field during the wheat harvest at seventy-five cents a day, and earning a dollar a day at pick and shovel

work. This work was undertaken between semesters in the school years. After he had completed his education, he went with resolution about the task of establishing himself in his own business. This, a modest venture, was a small store situated on Main Street in Harrisonburg, dealing in groceries and meats. This gave him the financial means to enter the hotel business when the time was ripe.

In partnership with his brother, Mr. Kavanaugh soon began the construction of a hotel, and this, consisting of a building of fifty rooms, first opened its doors on May 1, 1905. A short time afterwards, Mr. Kavanaugh's brother died, in consequence of an automobile accident. Purchasing the deceased partner's outstanding interest in the hotel, Mr. Kavanaugh continued its operation independently, and soon constructed a northern annex to the original building. Then, a few years later, in response to the demands of increasing patronage, he built an addition on the rear of the building, or the southwest side, which annex now contains one hundred and fifteen rooms. Mr. Kavanaugh continues as operator of the Kavanaugh Hotel to the present time.

He has also filled other offices in Harrisonburg commercial ventures. For about two decades, he was treasurer of the Harrisonburg Ice Corporation, and he remains a director member of the Harrisonburg Grocery Company.

In his politics, Mr. Kavanaugh is a Democrat, and he has established an exceptional record of service in the interest of his party, having been a member of the Democratic county committee for a period of fifty-nine years.

Mr. Kavanaugh is of Catholic faith, and is a member of the Holy Name Society.

In the Catholic Church in Charles Town, West Virginia, November 18, 1891, James Mathew Kavanaugh married Addie I. Conrad, daughter of Nathaniel and Rebecca Conrad. There were no children of this marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Kavanaugh make their home at the Kavanaugh Hotel.

THOMAS LeROY DUNN—The annals of the Shenandoah Valley make frequent mention of Thomas L. Dunn, late of Martinsburg, West Virginia, an important contributor to the development of the textile industry in his area. As the founder of the Dunn Woolen Company, his story is one of difficulties overcome, of obstacles brushed aside, of defeats turned into victories, and his whole career exemplified a truth seldom recognized, that whoever achieves great success in industry, of necessity

benefits his fellowmen while benefitting himself. By his achievements he opened the door to opportunity for thousands of those less gifted and, likewise, furthered the prosperity and welfare of communities and their citizens.

Thomas L. Dunn was born near Winchester in Frederick County, Virginia, on June 13, 1854, son of James H. and Margaret E. Dunn. His inheritance was a sane mind in a sound body, together with an urge to make the most of his life. He worked on a farm while attending the public schools, and was still a boy when he entered a small Frederick County woolen mill to learn picking, carding, spinning and weaving. The first stages of his apprenticeship were not attractive and certainly hard, but acquaintance with the mechanics of textile manufacture caught his interest, and these early years were decisive in influencing his choice of a career. From this small mill he went to another near Winchester, and after a year and a half became foreman of the Brucetown Mill, in that area. After two years he joined Meredith Tyler in leasing a small water-driven mill, at Buckland, in Fauquier County, that eventually had to be closed because of a waterpower failure and the high cost of steam introduction.

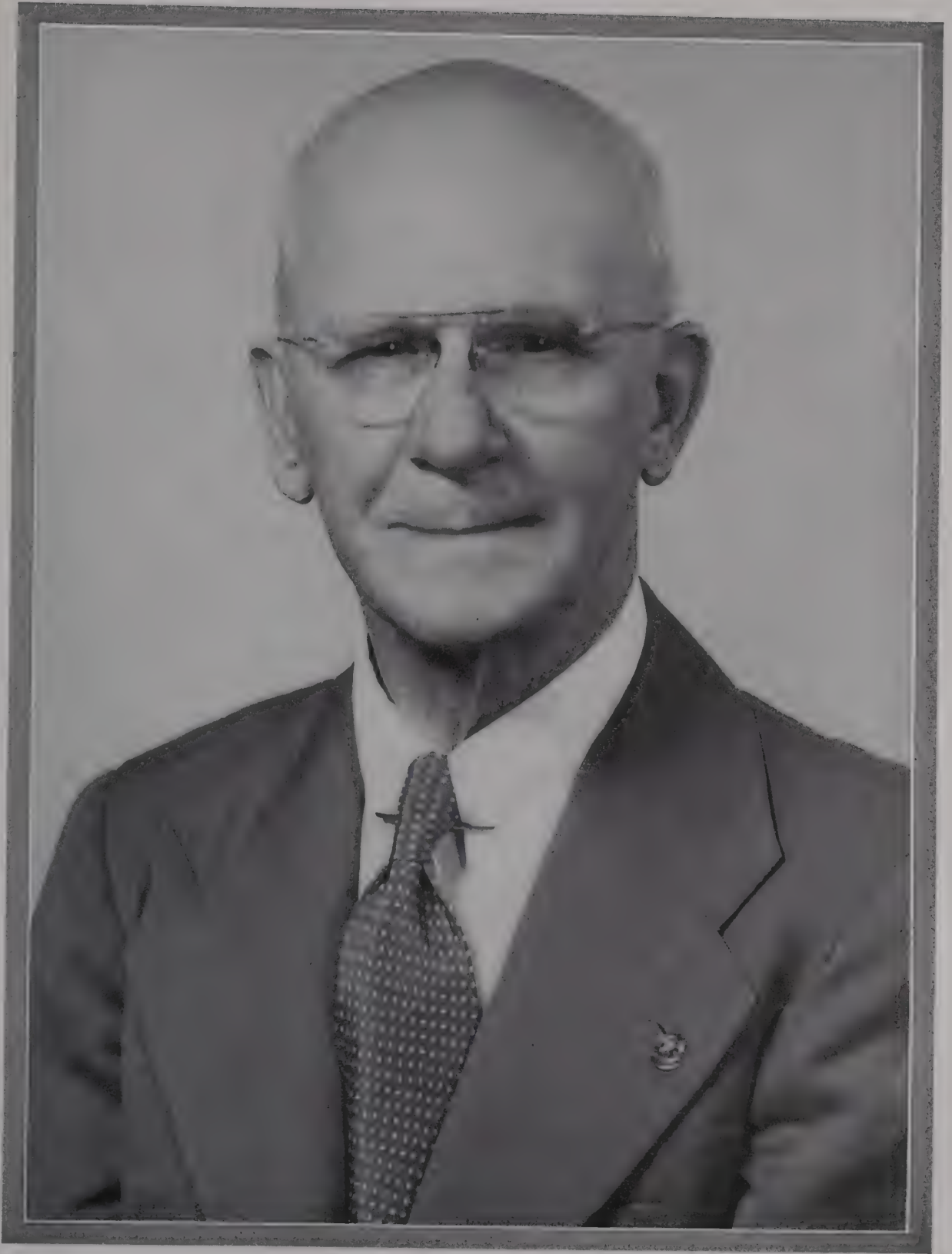
It is well to recall here, that all the mentioned endeavors and enterprises date before the turn of the century, when the textile industry was relatively insignificant in the Shenandoah Valley region. Mr. Dunn was more definitely launched upon his industrial career when he leased the Brucetown Mill with the financial backing of the C. A. Wyatt Company, of New York City. At that time he took in H. W. Crawford of Martinsburg as a partner, but the concern after two years was drawn into litigation, and Dr. Dunn operated it under a receivership for a few years. The enterprise had possibilities, according to his ideas but expanded facilities were a requirement. To this end he first came to Martinsburg, acquired a defunct skating rink and, when well on his way, discovered that he must adjust his output to a demand for different types of fabrics than those for which his plant was fitted. Again he had to turn a stumbling block into a stepping stone to something higher, by financing the installation of new machinery. Thus was the Virginia Woolen Company of Winchester reestablished for a time. Mr. Dunn confined his activities to the production of worsteds and cashmeres and became associated with the Crawford Woolen Company at Martinsburg, and following this, while associated with New York City selling agents, a

mill was acquired in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, of which he became manager.

In the meanwhile the Crawford Woolen Mill ran into difficulties, and at a receiver's sale was purchased by a group of Martinsburg and Winchester citizens. The Martinsburg Worsteds and Cassimere Company, which was a subsidiary of the Crawford Woolen Company, was sold at the same time as a separate unit and was purchased by Thomas L. Dunn with the aid of local capital. This was completed in 1914, which is, of course, the year when the Dunn Woolen Company was founded. This also was the year in which World War I loomed on the horizon, and spelled a slow down in American industry for a time. The Dunn Woolen Company managed to obtain a contract to supply the French government with wool blankets. Unfortunately the contract was cancelled without notice, and a large lot of blanketing fabric was left on the company's hands. Ultimately this was disposed of to the Italian government, and it can be recorded that, with short shut-downs, the mill has been operating ever since, currently specializing in high grade woollens and automobile upholsteries, furnishing a livelihood for thousands, contributing to the prosperity of a city. It is a monument to the courageous enterprise, vision and persistence, and dynamic personality of the founder. The Dunn Woolen Company of Martinsburg and its selling agency, the Dunn Textile Company of Detroit and New York City, numbers among its more widely known products "Garlan Loomed" and "True Pal" fabrics.

He was fortunate in having sons who early became associated with the enterprise and since the passing of Thomas L. Dunn the principal officials of the company have been William Nelson Dunn, president; Garland Leo Dunn, vice-president and superintendent; Prince Henry Dunn, vice-president; Frank L. Dunn, selling agent; and Walter L. Dunn, foreman of the spooling and dressing department. The latter two are now deceased.

The story of the rise of an important industrial firm is an interesting fact in the history of the Shenandoah Valley, but reflects little of the character of the man who created the company and directed its destinies for a number of years. Thomas L. Dunn was very civic-minded without ambitions for political preferment or desire to hold public offices. Always he was ready to promote and cooperate with municipal projects. Without ostentation he was exceptionally liberal in his humanitarianism, interested in the aid of the underprivileged or unfortunate without regard to color, race or



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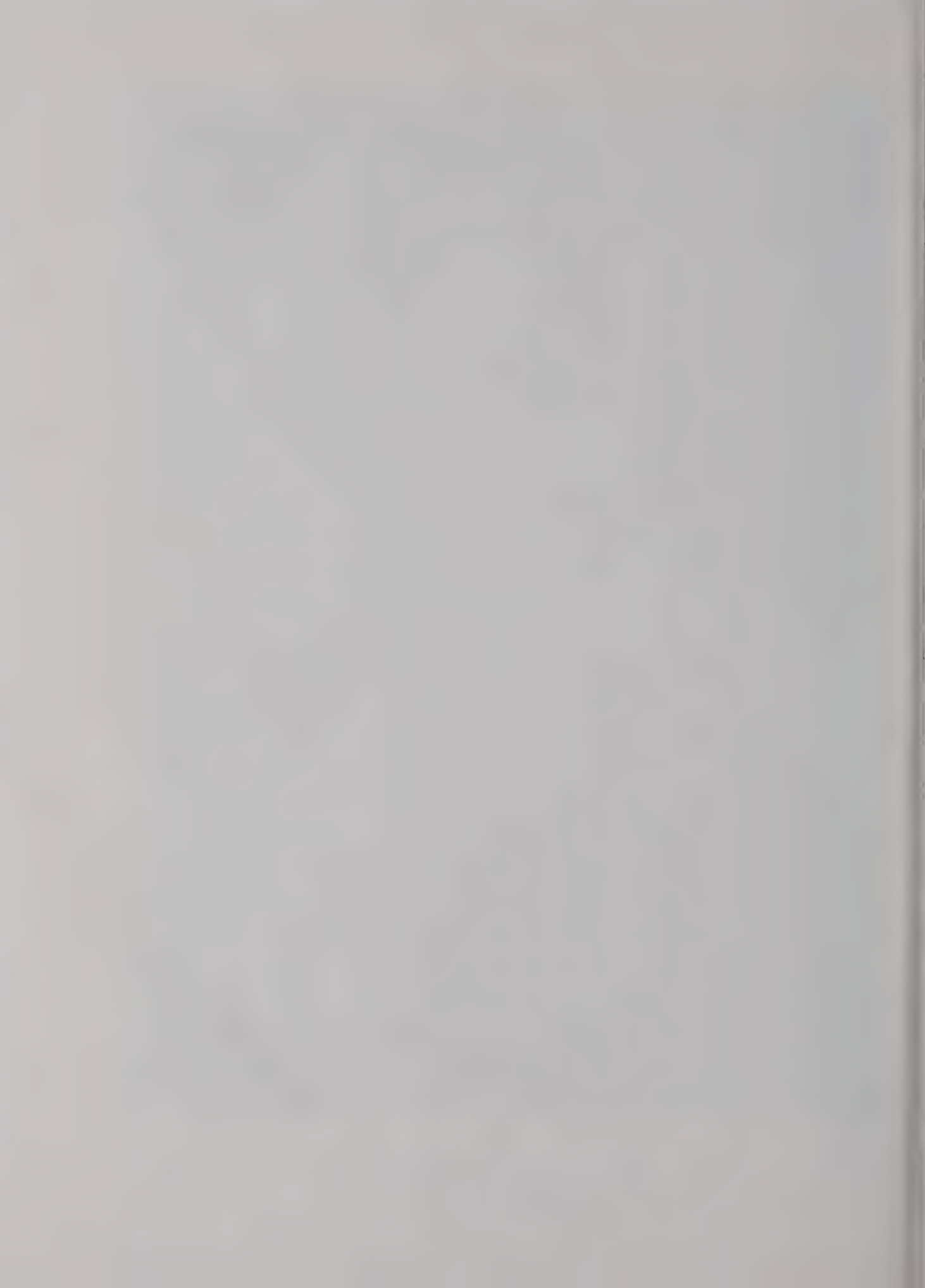
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creed. He supported generously the Community Chest, the Young Men's Christian Association, and other organizations that worked for the welfare of people in the city and the nation at large. A member of the Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, Martinsburg, he represented this congregation at a number of Annual Sessions of the Baltimore Conference. The passing of Thomas L. Dunn on February 24, 1933, was sincerely mourned by a host of friends and associates who were familiar with his major achievements as an industrialist, his exemplary activities as a philanthropist and churchman. He had met the challenges of life and acquitted himself well.

Thomas LeRoy Dunn married Charlotte Adelia Boden of Frederick County, Virginia, who survived her husband little more than a year, her passing coming on November 22, 1934. Mr. and Mrs. Dunn were the parents of eight children, of whom three are deceased: Walter LeRoy Dunn, died in February 1935; Frank L. Dunn, died in May 1947; and Mrs. Bernard Wageley, died in February 1949. Surviving are Mrs. George Steiner, Mrs. Ada Hollis, William N., Garland Leo, and Prince Henry Dunn.

Ada Myrtle Dunn was born February 18, 1880. She married, March 28, 1899, Frederick Baker Hollis, whose death occurred July 10, 1932. They became the parents of two children: 1. Edna Mildred, born October 31, 1902, who is a graduate of Chambersburg High School and Wilson College; she married William F. Greenrawatt, and is the mother of three children: i. William F., Jr., an undergraduate at Penn State College. ii. Ann Louise. iii. Caroline. 2. Earl Nelson, born November 12, 1907, who is a graduate of Chambersburg High School and of the University of Pennsylvania with the degree of Bachelor of Arts; he saw service with the United States Army in the European Theater of Operations during World War II, and is married to Dorothy Eckhart.

Prince Henry Dunn was born at Buckland, Virginia, on August 19, 1887, and was educated in the Martinsburg grammar and high schools, Randolph-Macon Academy, Randolph-Macon College, both at Ashland, Virginia, and the Martinsburg Business College. For two years he followed railroading with the Pennsylvania Railroad System at Pitcairn, Pennsylvania, and then for a similar period was associated with his brother Frank L. Dunn, now deceased, in the Martinsburg Furniture Company. For a time he operated a billiard and bowling establishment, then called an "Academy." Since 1916, he has been a member of the Dunn

Woolen Company, currently serving as vice-president. He enjoys participation in many community activities, is a Republican in political allegiance, and fraternally is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Kiwanis Club. He attends the Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church.

At McKeesport, Pennsylvania, on August 7, 1907, Prince Henry Dunn married Agnes Elizabeth Clohan of Martinsburg, who died in 1943, the daughter of Alexander and Celia Clohan. Mr. and Mrs. Dunn were the parents of a daughter: 1. Elizabeth, born June 13, 1909, who is a graduate of Martinsburg High School, and the Sergeant School of Physical Education, in Massachusetts. She married Homer Hayes, and they have a son: i. Prince Henry II, born December 18, 1937.

Garland Leo Dunn was born in Martinsburg, West Virginia, on December 31, 1898, and educated in the Martinsburg High School, and the Philadelphia Textile Institute, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, class of 1919. He began his experience as a woolen manufacturer in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, with the Chambersburg Woolen Company, and then was connected with the Hanover Woolen Company, as assistant superintendent and designer. He then joined his father in the Dunn Woolen Company, of Martinsburg, in 1923, and of it is currently general superintendent and vice-president. Exceptionally civic-minded, he has been identified with such local movements and groups as the Martinsburg Chamber of Commerce, serving as director and past president; and the Rotary Club, which he has served as director, vice-president and president; and, during World War II, he was chairman of the Berkeley County Clothing Drive, the Martinsburg Community Chest, of which he was also president, and of the Berkeley County Red Cross Society. A staunch Republican, he has been a member of the State Board of Education, under appointment by Governor Meadows for a two year term, and by Governor Patterson for a nine year term. A communicant of Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, his humanitarian interests include the Kings Daughters Hospital, as chairman of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees, and services as the head of a drive to raise funds for the Memorial Park to Berkeley County's War Dead, the Community Chest, and the Boy Scouts. He belongs to the West Virginia State Manufacturers Association, and the National Manufacturers Association. He enjoys recreation at the Opequon Golf Club, of which he has been president for the past nine years, and he is a member of the Bi-State Golf League.

PERCY LAWTON ROGERS—Widely known in Riverton and Front Royal business circles, Percy Lawton Rogers has been continuously associated with the Riverton Lime and Stone Company since 1932. Serving as plant chemist, he figures prominently in this company's production of hydraulic lime, rock wool, crushed stone and agricultural lime.

Mr. Rogers was born December 24, 1899, at Ruffins, Surry County, Virginia, son of John Thaddeus and Laura (Topping) Rogers. His father died in 1935, and his mother passed away in 1936.

Public schools at Ruffins provided Percy Lawton Rogers' early formal education, and he had his high school studies, first at Claremont High School, then at Appomattox High School. Subsequently he was enrolled at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, where he was graduated in 1924 as a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering. In the following year he took up teaching as an instructor at the University School for Boys, Atlanta, Georgia. Then, from 1925 to 1928, he was associated with the Virginia State Highway Department, in Richmond. Afterward, until 1930, he was with the Atmospheric Nitrogen Corporation, in Hopewell. From that year until 1932 he was in the research department of the American Tobacco Company, Richmond.

It was in 1932 that he came to the Riverton Lime and Stone Company, in Riverton, starting his work with this organization on March 1 of that year. Continuing as a plant chemist down to the time of writing, Mr. Rogers has accomplished a great deal of valuable service with the organization, which is one of the old and well-established companies of its kind in this region of the south. It was founded in 1869 by Samuel Carson, and at the time of writing is employing 150 people. Its "Flamingo" hydraulic lime is widely known, as are its agricultural lime and other products, such as crushed stone, rock wool and mineral wool.

In addition to his work with this company, which has done much to bring its policy in line with present-day standards in point of production methods and sales techniques, Mr. Rogers has interested himself extensively in civic and social affairs in Riverton and Front Royal. During World War I he was connected with the Student Army Training Corps at William and Mary College. He is president of the Front Royal Chamber of Commerce, and chairman of the Selective Service Board.

In June, 1926, in Richmond, Virginia, Percy

Lawton Rogers married Mortie Morgan, of Fincastle, daughter of William Lee and Mary (Mort) Morgan. They became the parents of the following children: 1. John Thaddeus, born at Richmond, studied at Warren County High School, was engaged in radar work with the navy during World War II, and graduated from the United States Naval Academy, class of 1950, and is at the time of writing an ensign serving aboard the "U.S.S. Spangler." 2. Mary Jane, attended Warren County High School, now a student at Randolph-Macon Women's College. 3. Colin Morgan, member of the class of 1950 at Warren County High School, at present enrolled in the Virginia Polytechnic Institute. 4. Charles M., a pupil in the Front Royal Elementary School.

JOSEPH ANGELL, SR.—Member of a distinguished Virginia family, especially prominent in the life of the Roanoke area, Joseph Angell, Sr., has added lustre to the traditions of his forefathers by his achievements. Active in several enterprises, including association with the Appalachian Electric Power Company, his civic spirit is evidenced in the promotion and support of community undertakings, notably those having to do with improved housing and the aid of the underprivileged and unfortunate.

Joseph Angell, Sr., was born in Roanoke, Virginia, on August 20, 1900, son of Robert Henderson and Mary Jane (Barlow) Angell, and of distinguished ancestry. The name of Robert Henderson Angell has long been outstanding in the fields of lumber, banking, insurance, and other lines of business, as an executive. He was one of the founders of the Shenandoah Life Insurance Company, a sound factor in Roanoke's prosperity and reputation. When the United States was involved in World War I, he was Federal Fuel Administrator for Virginia, serving as a "dollar a year" man. Formerly he was a member of the House of Delegates in the State Legislature. Never politically ambitious as regards election to public office, his broadminded Democracy was marked by a personal friendship with Herbert Hoover.

Joseph Angell, Sr., was educated in the Roanoke public schools, Chatham Training School (now Hargrave Military Academy, at Chatham), and Roanoke College, at Salem, all institutions in Virginia. At the age of twenty, Mr. Angell began a connection with the Virginia Lumber Company, Inc., that was continued until 1928. During this period he was vice-president and plant manager, and resigned to join as secretary-treasurer the

Covington Home Building Corporation, with which he remained from 1928 to 1934. There followed two years of personal enterprises in the building industry, and since 1936 he has been associated with the Appalachian Electric Power Company, in the real estate and right of way department. He also is a former director of the Colonial-American National Bank of Roanoke. The executive abilities and judgment of Mr. Angell have been tested and not found wanting throughout one of the extraordinary eras in American annals—booms and busts, war and peace.

For many years Joseph Angell, Sr., engaged in what he calls "spare time" work on the design of large scale housing projects, as well as the designing of individual homes. The localities in which these homes were built include: Radford, Christianburg, Roanoke, Blackstone, Martinsville, Timberville, Covington, Norfolk, and many other places. In politics, although influential, he does not adhere to party line, and might well be classified as an Independent. The man and measures, receive his support with little regard to party affiliations. Mr. Angell rather enjoys the distinction of being a member of the Ground Hog Club of America, Number One. A favorite interest is the 1900 Club, of which he is publicity chairman. This club is unique in that all of its members were born in the year 1900. The three purposes of the club as set forth in their charter are: 1. To render assistance to underprivileged children. 2. Assist in character capacities. 3. To create in itself a degree of social activity and to perpetuate the principles of Americanism as they existed at the advent of the Twentieth Century. Mr. Angell is a communicant of the First Baptist Church, of Roanoke. His wife is a member of the West End Methodist Episcopal Church.

On September 28, 1921, in the parsonage of the Mount Vernon Place Methodist Episcopal Church, Washington, D. C., Joseph Angell married Esther Louise Staples, daughter of James William and Minnie Mitchell (Evans) Staples. Mr. and Mrs. Angell are the parents of a son: Joseph Angell, Jr., born August 7, 1922; a graduate of Jefferson High School, class of 1939, and the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Architectural Engineering, class of 1943. During World War II, he served with the rank of Captain, United States Army Reserves, with the 23rd Anti-aircraft Group, for three years, taking part in the following campaigns: Normandy, Central and Northern France, the

Rhineland, and in central Europe. For meritorious service he received bronze campaign stars. After receiving his honorable discharge from the Armed Forces he returned to Roanoke and is currently engaged in architectural designing and drafting for an architectural firm in the city. He is a member of the Roanoke Junior Chamber of Commerce, and Le Cercle Francais. He attends the Baptist Church. On April 5, 1947, at Grasse, France, Joseph Angell, Jr., married Suzette Blanche Marchand, daughter of Hermann Georges and Marthe (Wattier) Marchand.

DARNELL EDWARD BRUGH—In 1932, Darnell Edward Brugh first became associated with the Bank of Buchanan, and in proving his aptitude for the banking field he advanced steadily to his present positions of cashier and director of that bank. Mr. Brugh has also identified himself constructively with civic and fraternal groups.

Born July 6, 1908, in Troutville, Virginia, Mr. Brugh is a son of Edward Luster and Belle Elizabeth (Linkenhoker) Brugh. His father was a farmer, and also engaged in cattle raising, specializing in the production of purebred Hereford cattle. Darnell Edward Brugh was educated in the elementary and high schools of Troutville, graduating from the latter in 1928, and thereafter attending Bridgewater College for two years. He then entered the banking field. Coming to Buchanan in 1932, he accepted a position as bookkeeper at the Bank of Buchanan, which is one of the stable old financial institutions of the area, having been established in September, 1899. Mr. Brugh proved his ability, and qualified himself for the responsibilities of assistant cashier, which office he assumed in 1939. He became cashier in 1942, and still holds that position, and has recently been elected a director. He is also a director of Shenandoah Valley, Inc., an organization developed to tell the outside world of the scenic and historic attractions of the Shenandoah Valley.

Mr. Brugh is a member of the Businessmen's Club, and was president of that organization during 1947-1948. He is fraternally affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is Past Noble Grand of Buchanan Lodge No. 151, having held that office in 1948. He is a member and junior deacon of the Baptist Church of Buchanan.

In Roanoke County, October 7, 1934, Darnell Edward Brugh married Alene Eloise Owen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew J. Owen. Mr. and Mrs. Brugh are the parents of two children:

1. Edward Luster II, born July 5, 1935. 2. Darnell Edward, Jr., born August 31, 1949.

THOMAS BRUCE SCOTT — Beginning his career as an educator, Thomas Bruce Scott determined many years ago that banking was his true vocation, and in this field he has amply proved his abilities. He has been associated with the Bank of Natural Bridge since 1921, and has served as its cashier since 1923.

Mr. Scott is a native of Hampden-Sydney, Virginia, and was born January 16, 1896, son of Francis J. and Maggie Lee (Cary) Scott. He attended the public elementary schools of Hampden-Sydney, where his father followed the occupation of farmer; and graduated from the Worsham High School in the class of 1915. He attended Hampden-Sydney College two years, and business college in Lynchburg, Virginia. Launching first upon a teaching career, Mr. Scott was a member of the faculty of the grade and high school at the Amherst County School from 1915 to 1918. In the latter year, he entered military service, being assigned to Company A of the 6th Motor Train, American Expeditionary Force, with which he served one year overseas during, and for a time after, World War I. He was in action in the Vosges Mountain sector, and at the Meuse-Argonne. In June, 1919, Thomas B. Scott received his honorable discharge.

Returning to the teaching profession, he taught in the Amherst County School during the 1919-1920 scholastic year. Mr. Scott then left the educational field permanently, and associated himself with Scott B. Appleby in the operation of a small loan business in Lynchburg, Virginia. He remained there until April 30, 1921, and in that year came with the Bank of Natural Bridge as assistant cashier. His marked aptitude for the banking business singled him out for advancement; and just two years later he became cashier of the bank, which office he has held since.

Mr. Scott enjoys participation in fraternal activities. He is a member of the Glasgow Blue Lodge of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and the lodge in Lynchburg of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a Presbyterian in his religious faith, while his wife is a Jehovah's Witness.

Thomas Bruce Scott is married to the former Bessie Crymes, daughter of Otis and Blanche (Love) Crymes. Their residential address is Natural Bridge Station, Virginia.

BALDWIN GERARD LOCHER—In a varied career, Baldwin Gerard Locher, of Glasgow, Virginia, has headed the Locher Silica Corporation and the E. P. Pitts Sand Corporation, and has been identified also with orchard management and stock raising. Mr. Locher is better known throughout Virginia, however, as a representative in the Virginia Legislature, House of Delegates, where he performed work of considerable value to the public as a member of the Appropriations Committee and of the committees on agriculture and roads.

Mr. Locher is a native of Glasgow. Son of Eben and Margaret (Garber) Locher, he was born July 25, 1899. Eben Locher was a cement manufacturer in Glasgow, originator of the enterprises with which his son has been identified since early in his career and which bear the family name. Receiving his early education in his native town, Baldwin G. Locher graduated from the Glasgow High School in 1916. During the World War I period, he trained at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, but hostilities ended before he was able to enter active service.

He became associated with the Locher Silica Corporation at Goshen, Virginia, in 1925, was manager until 1926, and in the latter year assumed the office of treasurer. He continued with the business in that capacity for more than two decades; and at the death of his uncle, Charles H. Locher, in 1948, he became president of the Locher Silica Corporation. Charles Locher, who was a native of Rockbridge, had been prominent throughout his career in connection with large engineering and construction projects, having built the Sault Sainte Marie ship canal, the Chicago drainage canal, and the Boston drainage canal, the Boston waterworks dams, and a large portion of New York City's rapid transportation system.

Baldwin G. Locher has headed the Locher Silica Corporation since the death of his uncle; and he also holds the office of president of the E. P. Pitts Sand Corporation of Nichols, South Carolina. These two firms are engaged in related lines of production. They specialize in the mining of glass sand, and in putting sand to various industrial uses. Mr. Locher is also owner of the Dalecarlia Orchards, in Hancock, Maryland, which agricultural property consists of over eight hundred acres, two hundred being devoted to the orchards and six hundred to general farming. He also productively manages his own farm in Glasgow, which comprises one thousand acres, and which is chiefly devoted to the raising of live

stock, with special attention to purebred Hereford cattle.

Mr. Locher was elected to the Virginia Legislature, House of Delegates, in 1942, and has held his seat in the state's lawmaking body ever since that time. He represents Rockbridge County and the City of Buena Vista. He has served the cause of his constituents ably and conscientiously as a member of the committees on appropriations, agriculture and roads; and his business, agricultural and industrial experience and wisdom have enhanced the quality of his service.

He is officially connected with the Bank of Glasgow; and was president of the Southern States Co-operative from 1940 to 1943. He has advanced to the higher bodies of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, holds the thirty-second degree in the Scottish Rite, and is a member of Kazim Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine in Roanoke. He is also a member of the Ruritan Club. As a communicant of the Episcopal Church, Mr. Locher has served as vestryman of the church in Glasgow for over twenty years, and for fifteen years has been superintendent of the Sunday school.

In Washington, D. C., February 16, 1938, Baldwin Gerard Locher married Lawton Fox, daughter of Horace and Mildred (Stockton) Fox. Mr. and Mrs. Locher have a son, Baldwin Gerard, Jr., who was born August 14, 1940.

ALVIN OAKES—The executive vice-president of the People's Bank of Buena Vista, Virginia, Alvin Oakes has a sound background in the banking and investment fields. He is also influential in community affairs, and a member of the city council of his home community, where he has lived since 1941.

Mr. Oakes was born in Gladys, Campbell County, July 1, 1899, and is a son of William Thomas and Rosa Della (Elliott) Oakes. His father was a merchant in Gladys, and young Alvin Oakes began his education there. He continued at a preparatory school, Hargrave Military Academy, Chatham, Virginia, from which he graduated in 1916; and he received the degree of Bachelor of Science from the University of Virginia in 1922. He had served in the Students Army Training Corps at the University during World War I, before taking up his academic studies there.

At the time he was attending preparatory school, Alvin Oakes had already identified himself on a

part-time basis with the work in which he was to find his career. He was at that time in the employ of the Peoples National Bank in Lynchburg, starting as runner, later becoming bookkeeper, and continuing with that banking organization until 1923. In the latter year, having completed his collegiate studies, he went with the First National Bank in Lexington, Virginia, in the capacity of cashier. In 1928, he left Lexington to settle in Roanoke, where until 1941 he was engaged in the investment security business.

Mr. Oakes then came to Buena Vista, Virginia, to accept a position as cashier of the Peoples Bank there. He was made executive vice-president of the bank in January, 1949, and he is also a member of the board of directors.

During the comparatively few years of his residence in Buena Vista, Mr. Oakes has become a respected figure in civic and business circles, and he is a member of the city council. A leader in banking circles as well, he has served as first vice-president of the Alleghany, Bath, and Rockbridge Clearing House Association, and he was elected to the office of president to serve during 1950-1951. He holds membership in two fraternities: Theta Chi, national social fraternity, and Alpha Kappa Psi, commercial fraternity.

At Williamson, West Virginia, November 18, 1929, Alvin Oakes married Dorothy S. Schubert, daughter of E. A. and Anna B. (Rickenbaugh) Schubert. They have no children. Mrs. Oakes is a member of the Methodist Church. Mr. and Mrs. Oakes make their home in Buena Vista.

THEODORE BURNHAM SHACKFORD—The president of the First National Bank in Lexington, Theodore Burnham Shackford has devoted most of his career to banking, with interims devoted to other constructive activity. He first became associated with the Lexington bank in 1927. After two years he turned his attention to other activities, but in 1935 returned to the institution, and has participated continuously in its affairs to the present writing.

A native of Rockingham, North Carolina, Mr. Shackford was born November 14, 1881, and is a son of Joseph W. and Cora (Kingsbury) Shackford. His father followed the two professions of schoolteaching and the ministry in Easter, Virginia, establishing there the Stevensville Academy for Boys. He attended private schools for his early education, after which Mr. Shackford attended Randolph-Macon Academy.

In the early years of his career, Theodore B. Shackford was employed as postal clerk and in a bank at Bedford, remaining in the latter position for two years. For four months during 1905, he was employed in a bank in Lynchburg. His attention had already been directed to banking as a career. However, for a time, he went to Bedford and kept books for Clark and Company, a tobacco firm. In January, 1906, he accepted a position with Adams Brothers-Paynes Company, and in 1909 became secretary-treasurer, and remained in Lynchburg in the service of this firm until 1926.

Mr. Shackford returned to the banking field through auditing work. After accounting work with the First National Bank of Lexington, Virginia, he had an opportunity to enter that banking concern as vice-president. However, after a time he resigned the vice-presidency, and from 1929 to 1935 was secretary-treasurer of the Rockbridge Steam Laundry, becoming president of that establishment in 1935. In that year also, Mr. Shackford returned to the First National Bank of Lexington as vice-president. He was made president in 1945, and has headed the organization since that time.

Mr. Shackford is a member of Rotary. He is a communicant of the Robert E. Lee Memorial Episcopal Church. He is unmarried, and resides in Lexington.

DR. GEORGE HUTCHESON DENNY — Although he holds the position of chancellor of the University of Alabama, Dr. George Hutcheson Denny has long been identified with the cause of higher education in Virginia, and is past chairman of the Virginia Education Commission of 1944. He is a resident of Lexington.

Dr. Denny is a native of Virginia, born in Hanover County, December 3, 1870, son of the Rev. George H. and Charlotte M. (Wright) Denny. His father was a Presbyterian clergyman, occupying the pulpit of Samuel Davies Church in Hanover County, later of Mt. Floral Church in Augusta County, and still later of a group of churches in Amelia County. During the War Between the States, he served in an artillery battery, and was later chaplain.

After concluding his secondary education, George H. Denny entered Hampden-Sydney College, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1891. The next year he received the degree of Master of Arts from the same institution. Successive degrees awarded to

Dr. Denny are as follows: Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Virginia, 1896; Doctor of Laws, from Furman University, South Carolina, 1903, from Washington College, Maryland, 1905, from Tulane University, 1912, from Washington and Lee University, 1913, and from the University of Alabama, 1937; Doctor of Civil Law from the University of the South (Sewanee) in 1914.

Dr. Denny began his educational career with an appointment as tutor at Hampden-Sydney College during the academic year 1891-1892. He taught at Pantops Academy, Charlottesville, from 1892 to 1896, and in the latter year became professor of Latin and German at Hampden-Sydney College. He accepted the chair of Latin at Washington and Lee University in 1899 and was elected acting-president in 1901. He became president in 1902 and served for ten years (until 1912) in that position. During this period the University witnessed the decade of its greatest growth. He was recalled as president in 1929, but declined the honor.

Dr. Denny accepted the presidency of the University of Alabama in 1912, and held that responsible post for the succeeding quarter of a century. He retired to become chancellor in 1937, was recalled temporarily to the presidency in 1942, and again resumed the chancellorship in 1943. Dr. Denny has held many offices in connection with educational organizations. From 1903 to 1912, he was active in the work of the Co-operative Education Association of Virginia. He was president of the Southern Association of Colleges and Preparatory Schools in 1905. He has been trustee of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching since 1905; was chairman of the Virginia State Board of Charities and Corrections from 1905 to 1911; and chairman of the Rhodes Scholarship Commission for Alabama from 1912 to 1937. From 1912 to 1916, Dr. Denny was president of the Alabama State Board of Arbitration.

He became chairman of the Virginia Education Commission in 1944. In addition, he has been a member of the executive committee of the National Association of State Universities (1914-1915); and member of the College of Electors of the Hall of Fame in 1940, 1945 and 1950. He was president of the Association of the American Separated Universities in 1929, and president of the National Association of State Universities two years later.

Dr. Denny has ably discharged the responsibil-

ities of governmental office, and has generously given his services in welfare activities. He headed the cottonseed industry division of the United States Food Administration in Washington during World War I, 1917-1918; and in 1929 was appointed by President Herbert Clark Hoover to membership on the national commission to study the relations of the federal government to education. He is a member of the Southern University Conference, and of the Southeastern Athletic Conference.

Since 1935, Dr. Denny has been a member of the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America. He is a director of the Alabama Museum of Natural History, and life-member of the Alabama Education Association. The State of Alabama deems Dr. Denny one of its leading citizens, and has conferred many honors on him. In 1925 he was voted the most distinguished professional leader of Alabama and elected to the Alabama Hall of Fame. He was acclaimed the First Citizen of Alabama in November, 1936, and was awarded the Civitan key for "outstanding service." In his native state of Virginia, too, his abilities are most highly regarded, and his counsel much sought. He is a director of the National Bank of Rockbridge, in Lexington, Virginia.

Dr. Denny is the author of the following works: "The Subjunctive Sequence After Adjective and Substantive Predicates and Phrases" (1896); "The South in the Building of the Nation"; contributor to the Library of Southern Literature; also numerous articles in encyclopedias and magazines. He is a member of such learned societies as the American Society for Engineering Education; the American Branch of the Newcomen Society of England; the Alabama Education Association (life member); Omicron Delta Kappa, Phi Eta Sigma, Sigma Chi, and Phi Beta Kappa fraternities, having been senator of the united chapters of the last-named honor society from 1932 to 1938. He belongs also to the Blue Key, to the Fortnightly Club of Lexington, Virginia, and the Country Club of Tuscaloosa, Alabama. He is a Rotarian, and a Democrat of the old school in his political views. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, of which congregation he is an elder.

Dr. Denny served from 1913 to 1918 as a member of the advisory committee of the Society of National Reserve Corps of the United States. He is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution.

On June 1, 1899, Dr. George Hutcheson Denny

married Jane Junkin Strickler, daughter of the Rev. Dr. Givens B. Strickler, a distinguished Presbyterian preacher and theologian. They became the parents of four children: 1. George Hutcheson Denny, Jr., Major, United States Army, stationed in Winston-Salem, North Carolina as counsel to the Veterans Administration. 2. Frances, a teacher in the English department, Jefferson High School, Roanoke. 3. Mrs. O. Hunter McClung, Jr., of Lexington. 4. Charlotte, who died in 1924.

Dr. and Mrs. Denny maintain residence at University, Alabama, during the scholastic year, and make their summer home in Lexington, Virginia.

REID WHITE, JR., M.D.—A native of the Shenandoah Valley, Dr. Reid White of Lexington has spent his entire medical career among his fellow citizens and neighbors. Dr. White's only absence from the home territory occurred in World War II, when he made his medical skill available to the men and women of the armed forces in camps in the States and in the South Pacific Theater of Operations.

Dr. White was born in Lexington on October 8, 1900, the son of Dr. Reid White, who was also one of the Valley's better known physicians and surgeons, and Lucy Waddell (Preston) White. The senior Dr. White, who conducted a general practice in Lexington, served in World War I as a Major in the United States Army Medical Corps. The son, who was to be associated in practice with his father for three years, began his education in Lexington's public schools, graduating from the Lexington High School in 1916. He then did his pre-professional work at Washington and Lee University in Lexington, receiving his degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1919, following up with professional study at the University of Pennsylvania Medical School in Philadelphia. In 1926, he was awarded the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He remained in Philadelphia to serve his internship at the Pennsylvania Hospital, where he completed this requirement in 1928.

Returning to Lexington, Dr. White began a general practice of medicine in association with his father. The association continued until the elder Dr. White's death in 1931. Since then Dr. White, Jr., has practiced alone. The United States had hardly been plunged into World War II when, in December, 1941, Dr. White accepted a commission as Captain in the United States Army Medical Corps. After thirteen days at Camp Custer, Michigan, he was transferred into the Southwest

Pacific, attached to the 52nd Evacuation Hospital Unit, which participated in the New Guinea campaign beginning in January, 1942, and ending December, 1944. From the end of that period until March, 1946, when he was separated from the service, Dr. White was at Camp Lee, Virginia. At the time of his separation he was a Lieutenant Colonel. He has been back at his practice since his return to civilian life. He worships in the Presbyterian Church.

Dr. White married Alice Marian Miller, the daughter of Arthur Barrett and Edith (Canning) Miller, at Pocono Lake Preserve, Pennsylvania, on August 28, 1930. They have two children—Edith Canning White, born on April 27, 1932, and Reid White, III, born April 14, 1935. Dr. White's address is 208 West Nelson Street, Lexington.

THOMAS FLOYD KENNAN, SR., M.D.—Raphine, in the northeastern corner of Rockbridge County, is the home of a physician and surgeon known throughout Shenandoah Valley—Dr. Thomas Floyd Kennan, Sr., a man of international experience and now making a contribution to the health and welfare and the civic progress of one of America's most historic and prosperous areas.

Dr. Kennan was born at Bhimpore, India, on January 2, 1902, the son of a famed missionary couple, Dr. Albert Leland Kennan and Philena Belle (Ranney) Kennan. His father, who held the degrees of Bachelor of Arts, Master of Arts and Doctor of Medicine, was both physician and clergyman and for years practiced in India as a medical missionary. He also practiced medicine in Florida. Philena Kennan also held the Bachelor of Arts degree. Their son, Thomas Floyd, received his entire education in the United States. He was graduated from the Hillsdale, Michigan, High School in 1919 and in 1923 took the degree of Bachelor of Science at the University of Florida at Gainesville. He then went to Philadelphia to prepare for the medical profession at the University of Pennsylvania and in 1928 was awarded the degree of Doctor of Medicine. In the year 1928-1929 he was an intern at Mercer Hospital, Trenton, New Jersey.

In 1929 Dr. Kennan came to the Shenandoah Valley and since then has been in general practice at Raphine. He is now on the staffs of the Jackson Memorial Hospital, Lexington, and the King's Daughters Hospital, Staunton, and serves on the Rockbridge County Board of Health. In World

War II, he was active in numerous public health and other programs, while in World War I he had been with the Reserve Officers Training Corps at Morgan Park High School, in Chicago. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of General Practice and a member of the American Medical Association, the Virginia State Medical Association, the Valley Medical Society and the Augusta Medical Society. At the University of Florida he was elected to Pi Kappa Alpha and Gamma Sigma Epsilon fraternities. Another organization to which he belongs is the Masonic Blue Lodge in Raphine. When he was at Hillsdale, Michigan, Dr. Kennan worshipped in the Baptist Church. Today he is a member of the Presbyterian Church in Raphine.

On June 5, 1926, at Rensselaer Falls, New York, Dr. Kennan married Helen M. Tryon, the daughter of Frederick Luther Tryon and Georgietta (Armstrong) Tryon. They have become the parents of two children—a son, Thomas Floyd Kennan, Jr., born on August 22, 1930, and a daughter, Helen Myra Kennan, born on January 4, 1933.

EUGENE HAMRICK BEAR—Since the early 1920s, E. H. Bear of Harrisonburg, Virginia, has been engaged in the automobile parts and repair business, and his present venture, Bear Auto Parts, located at 14 North Liberty Street, is the successful result of his many years of experience in this field. Mr. Bear has also distinguished himself in his community through his Rotary and Chamber of Commerce activities.

A native of Mount Clinton, Virginia, he was born June 5, 1900, and is a son of Eugene Anderson and Laura (Hamrick) Bear, his father having been a farmer. He passed through all the grades of the local schools and graduated from high school in Mount Clinton, Virginia. Mr. Bear then took a two-year course in the commercial department of Harrisonburg Business College.

In 1918 he began his business career with a period of employment at the National Bank in Harrisonburg. There he remained for a year, then went with the First National Bank, where he was employed for two years more. On September 1, 1921, Mr. Bear determined to enter business in his own name, and selected the automotive field as both a promising one and one which held his interest. He opened a battery service station known as the Exide Service Station, after the commercial automobile battery of that name, and this firm engaged in recharging,

rebuilding and selling new batteries. Later, having met with considerable success and seeing the opportunity for expansion, he added carburetors, shock absorbers and piston rings to his line, as well as various other accessories and parts.

About 1930 the firm name was changed to keep pace with these developments, and it has been known as the Bear Auto Parts Company ever since. The company carries a complete stock of accessories, parts and garage equipment, and since 1930 has been engaged in the wholesale automotive jobbing business. The firm is a member of the Motor and Equipment Wholesalers Association.

Mr. Bear is a member of the Harrisonburg Chamber of Commerce, and served as its vice-president and as a member of its board of directors in 1936. He was a member of the Harrisonburg Rotary Club for over twelve years. He is a communicant of the Presbyterian Church.

Eugene Hamrick Bear has been twice married. He married, first, in 1926, in Harrisonburg, Evelyn Berry of that city. That marriage was dissolved in 1936, and he married, second, on September 5, 1942, in Washington, D. C., Florence Keefer of Seattle, Washington, daughter of Bert and Esther (Roush) Keefer. Mr. and Mrs. Bear reside near Harrisonburg on Route 3.

JOSEPH BRESSLER MITCHELL—The Celanese Corporation is a widely-known name in American industry. It is a vital factor in the economic picture, in each city where its plants are located. Responsible for the efficient operation of the company's plant at Bridgewater, Virginia, is Joseph Bressler Mitchell, who has been with the Celanese Corporation since 1925. Mr. Mitchell has exemplified the traits of skillful management within his plant; and beyond its walls he has proved himself a good citizen of Bridgewater, a constructive worker in programs for the benefit of the community.

A Pennsylvanian by birth, Mr. Mitchell was born May 22, 1908, in the town of Ellsworth, son of Conrad and Estella (Bressler) Mitchell, his father being a miner employed in the mines at Ellsworth. In his native state, Joseph B. Mitchell received his public grade school education, but he had become a resident of Maryland before the completion of his secondary school years, and graduated from high school in Cumberland in that state, in the class of 1925.

From that year dates Mr. Mitchell's connection with the Celanese Corporation. He was first employed at the Cumberland, Maryland, plant of the

company, a vast organization in itself which gives employment to over ten thousand people. He was there employed in the knitting department, and through his own initiative and ability worked his way up through various supervisory positions, such as shift foreman, day shift supervisor, and division superintendent—positions which are vital in the smooth operation of such a sizable plant.

Having proved himself in these capacities of increasing responsibility, Mr. Mitchell was transferred to the Bridgewater plant of the Celanese Corporation in 1947, as that plant's manager. He has retained that position to the present time.

In Bridgewater, Mr. Mitchell has joined the Rotary Club, and has become a leader in its activities. He is also a member of the Harrisonburg-Rockingham County Chamber of Commerce, and of the Chamber of Commerce of the State of Virginia. Mr. Mitchell and his family are communicants of the Church of the Brethren, Bridgewater, Virginia.

At Front Royal, Virginia, February 3, 1940, Joseph Bressler Mitchell married Mary Bridges, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Bridges. To this union have been born two children: 1. Mary Jo, on March 31, 1941. 2. Norman Bernard, born October 14, 1946.

BRIAN PLUNKETT—An engineer by profession, Brian Plunkett has long been identified with the Celanese Corporation, and was before that an employee of British Celanese, Ltd., for Mr. Plunkett is of English birth. Now technical director of three plants for the Celanese Corporation, he supervised the establishment of knitted fabrics plants at Cumberland, Maryland and Bridgewater, and organized their production.

Mr. Plunkett was born in London, England, September 17, 1904, son of William Alfred and Mabel (Barker) Plunkett. His father followed the law as a profession, and practiced as a solicitor in London. Mr. Plunkett's grandfather, Alfred William Plunkett, likewise was a solicitor, and was a native of Dublin, Ireland. A maternal uncle of Mr. Plunkett, Cecil Barker, held the rank of rear admiral in the British Navy, and won the distinction of Companion of the Distinguished Service Order for his exceptional performance in action at the Battle of Jutland.

Educated in his native land, Mr. Plunkett attended preparatory school at Eltham College, County of Kent, England, from which he was graduated in 1921. He then entered London University, City and Guilds College, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Science

in Engineering in 1925. His first employment on completion of his technical education was with the firm of W. H. Allen, Ltd., of Bedford, England, general engineers, building marine and pumping machinery. Here Mr. Plunkett obtained general experience as apprentice in various branches of the firm's operations, from pattern shop to foundry, machine shop, and erecting shop, and also in outdoor erection, installing equipment for customers, and in the metallurgical laboratory and drafting offices. This variety of experience was to serve him well when in succeeding years he had the opportunity to progress to positions of responsibility in engineering capacities with a large corporation.

Mr. Plunkett terminated his connection with W. H. Allen, Ltd. in 1928, by which time he was employed in the drafting offices, and associated himself with the British Celanese Corporation, Ltd., as research engineer, in Spondon, Derbyshire, England. He was assigned to the knitting fabrics division there. When the decision was made by the Celanese Corporation of America to establish a similar plant in the United States, Mr. Plunkett was selected on the basis of ability, training, and his past excellent record. He came to this country as superintendent of a new plant at Cumberland, Maryland, and shortly afterwards decided upon permanent residence in this country, of which he became a citizen in 1939. Starting operation with two machines in 1931, during the next six years he built the Cumberland plant up to become the largest of its type in the world, an enviable record indeed for a young engineer. He went on to further engineering achievements for the Celanese Corporation when it was decided to open a plant at Bridgewater, Virginia, in 1947. He supervised the production and organization of this plant. In 1946, the corporation had purchased a plant at Hopewell, Virginia, to be converted to its uses, and it was only logical that Mr. Plunkett's next project should be supervising the reorganization of this plant. Thus he has been the leading figure in starting off the operation of three of the plants of the great Celanese Corporation. He is still identified with the company and resides at Harrisonburg, Virginia.

Mr. Plunkett is a member of the British Institution of Mechanical Engineers, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, and the Engineering Club of Cumberland, and he served as vice-president of the last-named organization in 1942. He is active in the work of the Rotary Club, and has served as chairman of the Interna-

tional Committee. He is also a member of the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Chamber of Commerce and of the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce. Affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, he is a member of the Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons, the Commandery of the Knights Templar, and is a member of Alighan Temple, in Cumberland, Maryland, of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Mr. Plunkett is an Episcopalian in religious faith, and attends the church of that denomination in Harrisonburg.

At Castleford, Yorkshire, England, September 27, 1930, Brian Plunkett married Nora Wood, daughter of Fred and Maria (Oddy) Wood. Mrs. Plunkett is active in church work in Harrisonburg. She is a member of the Spotswood Garden Club. Mr. and Mrs. Plunkett are the parents of a son, Michael Barker, who was born November 24, 1939.

Mr. Plunkett's address is 35 Grattan Street, Harrisonburg.

WILLIAM HOWE RUEBUSH—A composer of national reputation, William Howe Ruebush is one of those exerting cultural influence in the Shenandoah Valley which has been recognized far beyond these states. He composed the "Alma Mater Song" of Tulane, and "Old Virginia," the latter with words by Dr. John W. Wayland (q.v.). He is also a publisher of note, and was president of the Ruebush-Kieffer Publishing House. He is an editor of books which have had large sales.

Something of Mr. Ruebush's family background, and of the rich musical heritage to which he is heir, was contained in the nationally circulated "Hymn Lovers Magazine," issue of July and August, 1949, which publishes articles on recognized leaders in contemporary hymnology. From this article we quote:

In the northwestern section of Virginia, lying between the foothills of the Blue Ridge and the Alleghanies, nestles the tiny village of Singers Glen. Here, Joseph Funk, sometimes called the Father of Song in northern Virginia, made his home. From this location were sent out many early-day missionaries to carry the good tidings of sacred song to far distant places.

Here lived Aldine S. Kieffer, so well known by his song:

Twilight is stealing
Over the sea.
Shadows are falling
Soft on the lea,
Borne on the night winds
Voices of yore,
Come from that far-off shore.

Mr. Kieffer was a grandson of Joseph Funk and his sister married Ephraim Ruebush. These two brothers-in-law studied the art of singing as taught by Mr. Funk, and together held many singing schools in Virginia and neighboring states.

Born at Singers Glen, William Howe Ruebush is a son of Ephraim and Lucilla Virginia (Kieffer) Ruebush; grandson of John Ruebush (1782-1874); great-grandson of John Ruebush and great-great-grandson of Henry Ruebush, who came to America in 1732, settled in York County, Pennsylvania, and died in 1784. Lucilla (Kieffer) Ruebush's mother was Mary Funk (1815-1888), a daughter of Joseph Funk, "Father of Song in northern Virginia," who was born in 1777 and died in 1862. His father was named Henry, and his grandfather, who also bore the name Henry, was a bishop, who came to America in 1719 and died in 1760.

Ephraim Ruebush, who distinguished himself in the fields of music and publishing, was born September 26, 1833 near Stover's Shop, Augusta County. He was a student under the Funks at Mountain Valley, now Singers Glen, and also studied printing and bookbinding there. He later taught music in Rockingham, Shenandoah and other counties of Virginia, as well as in adjacent sections of West Virginia. Thereafter he engaged in music publishing at Singers Glen. In 1878, he and his brother-in-law, Aldine S. Kieffer, moved their printing and publishing plant to Dayton, in which location their best work was done. Their firm was known as the Ruebush-Kieffer Company, and of it Mr. Ruebush was the senior member. He continued to make his home at Dayton and remained active in the publishing business until a short time before his death, which occurred in his ninety-first year. The Ruebush-Kieffer Company published a large number of books and other musical publications which attained wide circulation throughout the United States and in Canada. It was the publisher of the magazine "Musical Million," issued monthly for many years until about 1915. Among music magazines it had had a long life, having been established in 1869, and it had attained a considerable circulation. For nearly half a century, Ephraim Ruebush lived and worked at Dayton, and he died November 18, 1924. He and Lucilla Virginia (Kieffer) Ruebush were the parents of six children: 1. Linneus Edgar, who was a printer and bookbinder. 2. James Hott, musician, educator and publisher. He was for many years interested in the direction of the Shenandoah Collegiate Institute, now Shenandoah College, at Dayton, and accomplished much in promoting the study of music in the public schools. 3. William H., of

whom further. 4. Joseph Kieffer, who has achieved distinction in continuing the tradition of a long line of printers and binders, publishers and booksellers. He was formerly business manager of the Ruebush-Kieffer Company; and has more recently gained wide recognition as publisher, book dealer, and collector of rare books and manuscripts. Among the notable works, chiefly of a historical and genealogical nature, which he has published, are the following: Wayland's "History of Rockingham County;" Morton's "History of Pendleton County" and "History of Alleghany County;" Strickler's "Rockingham Marriages;" Harrison's "Settlers by the Long Grey Trail;" Prichard's "Abstracts of Culpeper County Records;" Coffman's "The Conrad Clan;" and White's "King's Mountain Men." He promoted the writing and publication of the "History of the United Brethren Church," by Funkhouser and Morton. He has issued over eighty catalogs on old and rare books, which are used as guides to their values among libraries and booksellers. Joseph K. Ruebush is married to the former Nancy Byrd Rhodes. 5. Mary John, who married W. L. Andrews. 6. Anna K., who married Isaac M. Andrews.

William H. Ruebush has always been better known in the world of music as Will H. Ruebush. In his early youth the Ruebush and Kieffer families moved to Dayton, Virginia, influenced by the better educational advantages available to their children in that community. Profiting fully from the musical and general cultural guidance of his family, William H. Ruebush became known throughout the Shenandoah Valley, in the years before World War I, as a traveling singing master, and had even then laid the foundation of his accomplishments in the field of hymnology. He was affectionately known by the people of northern Virginia and adjacent regions as "Professor Will." Throughout his career he has been distinguished as a director of bands and orchestras. Enlisting in the United States Army at the time of World War I, he became widely known for his leadership of a military band which won honors in France, and was designated as "one of the outstanding musical organizations in the A. E. F."

Mr. Ruebush has published innumerable hymns and songs. Tulane's "Alma Mater Song" and the setting of "Old Virginia," the words of which were written by Dr. Wayland, are two of the best known. Always he has been interested in the musical life of the Southland. He has been active in the work of his church, the Evangelical United Brethren, as a song leader and choir director.

After removing from Dayton to Elkton, Virginia, William H. Ruebush married Gladys Dyche Bruce, daughter of Charles Peter and Nancy Johnson (Dawson) Dyche. Mr. Ruebush's son by a previous marriage is Dr. Trenton Kieffer Ruebush, who is a graduate of the University of Virginia, holds the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, and taught at Yale University before World War II. His mother was Valley Virginia Shumaker. He now teaches at the National Naval Medical School at Bethesda, Maryland. Dr. Ruebush has done research work in both the South Pacific and Africa, on behalf of the Naval Medical School. Dr. Ruebush is married and the father of two children: Trenton Kieffer, 2nd, and Anne.

WILLIAM HENRY NICHOLSON, M.D., long connected with the Merck Chemical Company in his professional capacity, has been company doctor at the firm's plant at Elkton since 1942. He has in addition built up a considerable private practice in that community, which has learned of his qualifications in the medical profession, and he is also staff physician at the Rockingham Memorial Hospital.

Dr. Nicholson is a son of Frank Craig and Henrietta (Heinz) Nicholson, his father being an electrical engineer with the Glenn Alden Coal Company, of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. Born in that city on September 10, 1913, William H. Nicholson completed his public schooling in his native region, then entered Wyoming Seminary in Kingston, Pennsylvania, where he was a member of the class of 1931. He received his degree of Bachelor of Science at Pennsylvania State College in 1935, and took his medical studies at Temple Medical School in Philadelphia, from which he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1939. Dr. Nicholson passed his internship at Germantown Dispensary and Hospital, where he remained from 1939 to 1941.

In July of 1941, Dr. Nicholson associated himself with the Merck Chemical Company at Rahway, New Jersey, in the capacity of company doctor. In February, 1942, he was transferred by the company to the Elkton plant, where he has since served in a similar connection. He has served his community no less than his company, however, for he has conducted a private practice of medicine throughout his years of residence in Elkton, and has joined the staff of the Rockingham Memorial Hospital in Harrisonburg. Dr. Nicholson is a member of the American Medical

Association, the Virginia State Medical Society, and the Rockingham Medical Society. His fraternity is Beta Theta Pi. He is a communicant of the Presbyterian Church.

A major avocational interest of Dr. Nicholson since he has resided at Elkton is the raising of gaited horses on his twelve-acre farm near that city. He has shown horses locally throughout the Virginia circuit.

At Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 1938, William Henry Nicholson, M.D., married Lillian Rupert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Rupert. Dr. and Mrs. Nicholson are the parents of three children: 1. Mary Louise, who was born July 24, 1942. 2. William Henry, Jr., and 3. Frank Craig, twins, born March 15, 1945.

JOHN EDWARD RUTHERFORD — With an experience gained in various places and in varied lines of endeavor, John Edward Rutherford settled permanently in Roanoke, where he is much to the fore in its business and civic life. A native of the Shenandoah Valley, he was born at Staunton in the Beverley Manor District, Augusta County, on May 1, 1906. His parents were John Alby and Juniaetta (Coyner) Rutherford, his father having been a mail carrier at Staunton from 1900 to his death in 1919.

Graduated from the Robert E. Lee High School, at Staunton in 1926, John E. Rutherford matriculated at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, from which he went to the Dunsmore Business College, where he received a diploma in business administration in 1930. He also studied higher accountancy in the La Salle Extension University, from which he was graduated in 1935. In 1945 he completed work in the United States Treasury Department School for Federal Income Tax, at Washington, D. C.

Mr. Rutherford became a public accountant in 1931 with S. B. Hoover and Company, a connection that was continued for eight years. During this period he likewise engaged in the trucking business with the Wilson Trucking Company of Waynesboro, as assistant manager, from 1931 to 1942, and the Evans Lines, Inc., of Roanoke, in a similar capacity, 1942-45. He was associated with the Tax Division of the United States Treasury Department, as agent from 1945 to 1947, and became the owner and operator in 1948, of the Radford Linden Tavern. In 1949 he became assistant manager of Draper Motor Service, Roanoke.

A Democrat in politics, Mr. Rutherford has never sought public office, although at one time

he served two terms as Registrar and Election Judge of Bolivar Precinct, Beverly Manor District, Augusta County. In his undergraduate days he was pledged to the Delta Nu Alpha fraternity at Roanoke, and he remains keenly interested in Virginia Polytechnic Institute as a member of the Alumni Association. He was a charter member of the Staunton Lions' Club, serving as its vice-president, and was on the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Blue Lodge, No. 13, Free and Accepted Masons, at Staunton, and is a communicant of the Tyler Memorial Presbyterian Church, Radford, having transferred from the First Presbyterian Church, Staunton, and the Raleigh Court Presbyterian Church, Roanoke.

In the Presbyterian Church at Blacksburg, Virginia, on December 30, 1927, John Edward Rutherford married Elsie Pearl Moore, who was born in Pulaski County, daughter of Robert Hilton and Emma (Southern) Moore. Mr. and Mrs. Rutherford are the parents of a son: John Alby, born in Staunton, February 21, 1933, who was a senior at Radford High School, Radford, Virginia, in the year 1950.

EARLE BAILEY MORGAN, M.D.—The reputation of Dr. Earle Bailey Morgan in the Valley is twofold—as a physician who has dedicated himself to the people's health since 1939 and who is prominent in the organization of his profession, and as a Mason who has held high posts in his lodge and district. His practice is centered at Fincastle, the seat of Botetourt County.

Dr. Morgan was born at Dublin, Virginia, on October 28, 1910, the son of Ruben Kyle and Clara Bessie (Bailey) Morgan. His father was a farmer at Dublin. The future physician was graduated from the Dublin High School in 1928 and immediately afterward matriculated at Emory and Henry College, Emory, Virginia, where in 1932 he took the degree of Bachelor of Science. He taught school for two years and four years later was awarded the degree Doctor of Medicine at the Medical College of Virginia in Richmond. For his internship he went on the staff of Lewis-Gale Hospital in Roanoke, where he remained from 1938 to 1939.

Dr. Morgan established himself in a general practice of medicine at Fincastle in 1939. He is a visiting physician at Lewis-Gale Hospital and is closely associated with other hospitals. His practice, an extensive one, embraces patients com-

ing from many parts of the Valley as well as from Botetourt County. Among his homefront wartime activities was service as medical advisor to Selective Service Board No. 17, Botetourt County. Professionally, he is a member of the American Board of General Practice, the Southwest Medical Society, the Roanoke Academy of Medicine, the Botetourt County Medical Society and the American and Virginia Medical Associations. Outside the profession, Dr. Morgan is past master of Catawba Lodge, No. 342, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, having held the head post in 1948, and in 1949-1950 he served as District Deputy of the Twenty-second Masonic District of Virginia. He is active in civic and social affairs throughout the county, always keenly interested in the growth of the local schools, and, a sports fan, is known for his sponsorship of athletics in the county. He is also active in the Methodist Church of Fincastle, and belongs to the Methodist Men.

An editorial appearing in the local paper in November, 1950, made the following statement:

Dr. E. B. Morgan, here, a thoughtful friend of the schools, maintains that we shall never advance very far without the imposition of a sales tax. The Supervisors at their last meeting, by resolution, said the same thing. The present proposed grant will leave us half way over the chasm, or less. We shall then have to match State funds—if any—on a 50-50 basis; and present levies will never do the trick.

We only raise the questions today which must be answered tomorrow.

Dr. Morgan married, in Cambridge, Washington County, Maryland, on November 25, 1937, Ruby Virginia Counts, the daughter of John W. and Dora Counts, of Holston, Virginia. They are the parents of a son, John Edward Morgan, who was born on September 10, 1944.

REVEREND DAVID HERR COBLENTZ—Among the younger clergymen of the Valley who are establishing reputations for their leadership, the Reverend David Herr Coblentz of Fincastle ranks high. Pastor of the Fincastle Presbyterian Church, the Reverend Mr. Coblentz is well known throughout the community and in pastoral circles. He is especially known for his participation in interdenominational activities aimed at the general welfare.

Mr. Coblentz was born in Springfield, Ohio, on April 11, 1918, the son of Frank Howard and Irene (Herr) Coblentz. His father, who recently

passed away, was a pharmacist in Springfield and a veteran of the Spanish-American War. The clergyman first went to school in that city. In 1937, he was graduated from the Springfield High School and immediately afterward matriculated at Davidson College, North Carolina, where he did his pre-professional work and where, in 1941, he took his degree of Bachelor of Arts. Three years later he was graduated from Union Theological Seminary at Richmond, Virginia, with the degree of Bachelor of Divinity. The Seminary has since also awarded him the degree of Master of Theology.

Mr. Coblentz began his career as pastor of the Southport Presbyterian Church at Southport, North Carolina, in 1942. There he remained until 1944, when he was called to the Shenandoah Valley as pastor of the Fincastle Presbyterian Church, and he has since been active not only in the church but in the community at large. Among organizations to which he belongs is the National Society for Autograph Collectors. Particularly interested in autograph manuscript material (letters, documents, etc.) especially pertaining to General Nathaniel Greene and Thomas Jefferson, his plans are to write a biography of General Greene within the next decade.

On September 27, 1944, Mr. Coblentz married Elizabeth McPherson, the daughter of Samuel Hinsdale and Mary (McQueen) McPherson. The ceremony was performed at Fayetteville, North Carolina. Mr. and Mrs. Coblentz are the parents of two daughters, both born at Roanoke—Lucinda Kemp Coblentz, on February 10, 1947, and Elizabeth Holmes Coblentz, on September 18, 1948.

MARGARET DURHAM ROBEY—President of Southern Seminary and Junior College at Buena Vista, Virginia, Margaret Durham Robey (Mrs. H. Russell Robey) has been identified with that institution since the beginning of her career. She is a member of a number of learned societies and action groups, and is widely recognized as a speaker on international affairs.

Born Margaret Durham in Gastonia, North Carolina, April 14, 1898, she is a daughter of Robert Lee and Mary Willie (Craton) Durham. Her father was president of Southern Seminary for twenty-five years. He was an author, composer and inventor as well as an educator. Born in Shelby, North Carolina, May 4, 1870, son of Plato and Catherine Leonora (Tracy) Durham, he was a descendant of Lieutenant Thomas Tracy

of Norwich, Connecticut, who was born in 1610 and died in 1685, and was the family's earliest immigrant ancestor. After attending Kings Mountain High School and Horner Military School, Robert Lee Durham entered Trinity College, now Duke University, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1891. He studied law at Dick's College and Trinity Law School, and began the practice of that profession in Rutherfordton, North Carolina, in 1893. He was later a teacher at Davenport College and Centenary College; and from 1911 to 1919 was dean of Martha Washington College in Abingdon, Virginia. He next became president of Southern Seminary, which office he held until 1944. A remarkably versatile man, Mr. Durham was a noted athlete with a reputation as a football and baseball player; a writer of verse and of college songs, with at least one book, "The Call of the South," to his credit; an inventor; a composer; and an able soldier who served with the rank of captain in Company G, Second North Carolina Infantry, during the Spanish-American War. He was active in the work of the Methodist Church, and in fraternal groups. Robert Lee Durham married, on December 27, 1893, Mary Willie Craton, and they became the parents of four children, of whom the other three, all sons, are now deceased. These were Robert Lee, Joshua Forman, and Ben Dixon Durham.

The second child and only daughter of her parents was Margaret Durham Robey. Through her maternal grandmother, Margaret Williams Craton, Mrs. Robey is a direct descendant of Joshua Forman, the founder of the City of Syracuse, New York, and his wife, Margaret Alexander, who was the daughter of Boyd Alexander, member of Parliament in Scotland. Through her maternal grandmother she is also descended from Cotton Mather and Roger Williams of New England and counts at least two Presidents of Harvard University among her forebears. Through her maternal grandfather, Dr. John Miller Craton, beloved physician of Rutherfordton, North Carolina, she is a great-great-great-granddaughter of Susan Twitty, the history book heroine of the Battle of Kings Mountain. Mrs. Robey's father's father, Captain Plato Durham, was an outstanding figure in Reconstruction Days in North Carolina and numbered among his ancestors illustrious members of the Lee, Baxter, and Davis families.

Margaret Durham Robey began her education locally, later attended Martha Washington College in Abingdon, Virginia, and in 1917 graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, cum

laude, from Duke University. She began her career as educator in the capacity of teacher of English and French language and literature at Martha Washington College, and at Southern Seminary and Junior College. She remained on the faculty of the latter to become its president in 1944.

Mrs. Robey has long taken a leading part in educators' groups. She was junior college representative on the Committee of Women in College and Defense, of the National Committee on Education and Defense. In 1944-1945, she was chairman of the Women's Division of the American Association of Junior Colleges. A member of the American Association of University Women, she was its state chairman on international relations in 1939-1940. She is also a member of the Duke General Alumnae Association, and was president of that organization in 1933. Mrs. Robey has been particularly active in peace groups. She is a member of the National Committee on the Cause and Cure of War, and in the Women's Action Committee for Victory and Lasting Peace, has been chairman of the Seventh Congressional District of Virginia since 1945. In local welfare work, she has been identified with the American Red Cross as local chairman, and with the Children's Home Society in the same office. She is a member of the state board of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, and as a member of the Virginia federation, has been state chairman of international relations in 1936, 1939 and 1940, and state chairman of scrapbooks since 1944. She is president of the Rockbridge Historical Society, honorary citizen of Boys' Town, member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and of the Kappa Delta Sorority, and Eko-L Honorary Scholastic Society at Duke University. In her religious faith, Mrs. Robey is a Methodist.

At Buena Vista, Virginia, September 12, 1922, Margaret Durham was united in marriage with H. Russell Robey, son of William Thomas and Alice (Connor) Robey.

KATE PORTERFIELD STUART BROWN—

A highly esteemed citizen of Raphine, Kate Porterfield (Stuart) Brown has contributed in many ways to its life and welfare, as did her late husband, James Rutherford Brown. As a former teacher, Mrs. Brown has retained a vital interest in education. She is descended from families long resident in the region where she makes her home.

Born Kate Porterfield Stuart, at Walkers Creek, Virginia, June 17, 1878, she is a daughter of Wil-

liam Walker and Elizabeth Graham (Kerr) Stuart. Her mother's family, which pronounced its name "Carr," had been seated for many generations in Augusta County. William Walker Stuart was a farmer operating acreage in Rockbridge County, which he devoted to general agricultural production. As a girl, Kate Porterfield Stuart attended Crawford's School at Walkers Creek, Rockbridge County, and later entered New Providence Academy, also in Rockbridge County. She prepared herself for teaching, an occupation in which she engaged prior to her marriage, and for which she showed marked aptitude.

At Walkers Creek, October 18, 1904, Kate Porterfield Stuart was united in marriage with James Rutherford Brown, son of James Walker and Mary McClure (Stuart) Brown. They became the parents of a daughter, Mary Stuart, who attended the Mary Baldwin School in Staunton. Mary Stuart Brown is married to Robert Jennings Mitchell, and they reside in Elizabethtown, Tennessee.

Mrs. Brown is a communicant of the Presbyterian Church. She makes her home on Route 1, near Raphine.

JOSEPH ASTOR BOSSERMAN—In banking and insurance, Joseph Astor Bosserman has rendered important service to the community of Harrisonburg and this region of the Shenandoah Valley. He operates the Joseph Astor Bosserman Insurance Agency here, and represents the Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company as district manager.

Mr. Bosserman was born April 12, 1895, at Weyers Cave, Virginia, son of James William and Ida Bell (Orebaugh) Bosserman. His father operated sawmills in Virginia and West Virginia.

Joseph Astor Bosserman attended public school in Centerville, and later entered Bridgewater College where he took a commercial course and was graduated in 1916. Since taking up insurance work, he has regularly attended insurance seminars as occasion has offered. His first work was in banking. He started as a runner in the First National Bank, in Harrisonburg and gradually rose in the ranks of that organization until he became a teller. In 1928 he went to Bridgewater as assistant cashier, and was promoted to cashier in 1939, so continuing until his resignation on May 1, 1942. It was on that date that he founded the Joseph Astor Bosserman Insurance Agency, which he now heads. Not only is he district manager of the Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company, but

he also is a member of the board of directors of the Loudoun Mutual Fire Insurance Company, of Waterford, Virginia.

In addition to his work with his own insurance agency, Mr. Bosserman is deeply interested in the affairs of his profession, belonging to the Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company's Big Tree Club, an organization of outstanding salesmen. He is a member of the local association of the National Association of Life Underwriters, has qualified for the National Quality Award in that group, and is a National Committeeman representing the Valley Group in the National Association. He takes a lively interest in civic affairs, and is a member of the city school board of trustees. He belongs to the United Commercial Travelers, the Rotary Club (in which he is a charter member in Bridgewater and a former director there, but now is affiliated in Harrisonburg), the Chamber of Commerce, the Big Tree Leaders Club and the Free and Accepted Masons. In the Masonic order he is a past master of Bridgewater Lodge. Formerly Mr. Bosserman was a member of the Bridgewater City Council for eight years. During World War I he served overseas with Company D, 320th Infantry Regiment, Eightieth Division, participating in three offensive campaigns on the British front in the Meuse-Argonne and St. Mihiel sectors. He was honorably discharged on June 9, 1919, after spending all but six weeks of his Army service overseas. Mr. Bosserman is a member of the Reformed Church, in which he has been secretary-treasurer and an elder and has represented the church at its Synod since 1942. He has also represented the Synod at the National Assembly as a lay delegate and has served for many years as superintendent of the Sunday School of his own congregation.

Joseph Astor Bosserman married, June 15, 1921, in Bridgewater, Virginia, Ethel Margaret Wise, daughter of Newton Brown and Nettie Virginia (Reeves) Wise. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Joseph Norwood, born July 12, 1925, graduated from the University of Virginia as a Bachelor of Science, became an architect and for two years was associated with Clarence Wenger. He is now taking graduate work at Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey; he served with the Twentieth Air Force in the Pacific Theatre of Operations during World War II. 2. Bette Wise, born May 9, 1928. She attended Brenau College, Gainesville, Georgia, for two years, transferred to Madison College, Harrisonburg, Virginia, and graduated with a degree in Physical Education in June, 1950; was married

June 28, 1950, to Edward E. Hughes, Jr., a pharmacist associated with his father in the Hughes' Pharmacy at Harrisonburg, Virginia.

MAJOR EDWARD MITCHELL BROWN, of New Market, is a conspicuous figure among the business leadership of the Shenandoah Valley, by reason of being the chief executive of one corporate enterprise in the city where he makes his home, and of two others located in metropolitan New York. He has also distinguished himself in the military service, having attained the rank of major in the infantry, during World War I.

A native of Athens, Georgia, Major Brown was born December 15, 1889, son of Edward Thomas and Mary Celestine (Mitchell) Brown. His father, a lawyer and a business man, at one time served as mayor of Athens. The son began his education locally, and continued his studies at the University of Georgia, which is also located in Athens, and from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1909. He then attended Harvard Law School for two years, 1910-1912. Major Brown studied at the Columbia University Graduate School of Social Economy during 1916-1917, but withdrew to volunteer for army service at the time of World War I. He entered the First Officers Training Camp at Fort McPherson, Georgia. Advancing to the rank of captain in the infantry, he was placed in command of Company F, 326th Infantry Regiment, 82nd Division, and was later promoted to the rank of major of infantry, commanding the Second Battalion, Fourth Infantry Regiment, Third Regular Division, this being a battlefield promotion. Major Brown served on the Western Front during World War I. He participated in the campaigns in the defensive sectors of Flirey and Pont-a-Mousson, in the St. Mihiel drive, and the Meuse-Argonne offensive.

Major Brown engaged in business enterprises on his return to civilian life, and he is now president of Endless Caverns, Inc., in New Market, Virginia, as well as president of the Eastern Printing Corporation and of the Photo Reproduction Corporation, both of New York, New York. He is also a director of the Virginia Travel Council, of Richmond, Virginia.

A member of Chi Phi college fraternity, Major Brown served as president and treasurer of its Eta Chapter. His clubs are the Chevy Chase, in Chevy Chase, Maryland; the University Club, and Army and Navy Club, of Washington, D. C.;

the Explorers Club and the Harvard Club, both of New York; and the Oglethorpe Club of Savannah, Georgia. In his religious faith, Major Brown is an Episcopalian.

At St. John's Church in Washington, D. C., November 19, 1921, Major Edward Mitchell Brown married Esther Kendrick Smith of Atlanta, Georgia, daughter of Alexander W. and Ida (Kendrick) Smith. Major and Mrs. Brown are the parents of three children: 1. Edward Mitchell, Jr., born December 18, 1923. 2. Margaret Bliss, and 3. Helen Kendrick, twin sisters, born February 5, 1925.

CHARLES CLEVELAND RUSH, D.D.S. —

Carrying on an extensive practice of dentistry in Elkton, Dr. Charles Cleveland Rush makes a particular specialty of general X-ray work along with his regular dental activities.

Dr. Rush was born December 26, 1886, in McGaheysville, Virginia, son of Jacob Harvey Franklin and Emma Delilah (Royer) Rush, of that Rockingham County community. His father owned 217 acres of land in that county, and there was engaged in general agricultural operations and stock raising until his death.

McGaheysville schools provided Dr. Charles Cleveland Rush's early formal education, and he was graduated from Randolph-Macon Academy, at Front Royal, Virginia, in 1909. He then entered the Medical College of Virginia, in Richmond, where he completed his course in 1912. After graduation, he started his practice in McGaheysville, also conducting an office in Elkton at the same time. He passed the state board examinations in both Maryland and Virginia, and was formally admitted to practice in the two states. He started his practice in Elkton, Virginia, in 1914.

In addition to his dental and general X-ray work here, Dr. Rush does a great deal for the benefit of different relief organizations, as well as considerable charitable work in his own profession. He is a member of the Valley Dental Association. For several years he has served on the McGaheysville School Board. In spare time, farming interests him. He owns his own farm property in McGaheysville, where he raises cows and chickens and carries on a general farming activity. Formerly he owned the Rush Poultry Farm in Penn Laird. He is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he is affiliated with both lodge and Royal Arch chapter. He is a steward of the McGaheysville Methodist Church,

where he formerly taught the men's class for several years. His wife also teaches a class in that church.

Dr. Charles Cleveland Rush married, September 18, 1920, in Washington, D. C., Flossie Bell Grant, a graduate of Madison College, in Harrisonburg, daughter of William Thomas and Sally Jane (Grant) Grant. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Charles Cleveland, Jr., born June 25, 1921, who was in Brazil with the Army Air Corps as a first lieutenant in World War II, later returning to the United States and delivering planes from this country to Brazil; he attended McGaheysville schools and the University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida, and was graduated in aeronautical engineering from the Northrop Aeronautical Institute, Hawthorne, California; he also studied at Bridgewater College. 2. James Wallace, born March 12, 1923; studied in McGaheysville and at State Agriculture College at Lawton, Oklahoma, and Lynchburg College, and was graduated from Randolph-Macon College; determining to enter the ministry, he became a student at the Duke University Theological Seminary; he also was in the Air Corps in World War II, stationed on Guam. 3. Oldson Grant, born May 5, 1925, a professor, who served in the navy during World War II, having been in active service on the Marshall Islands in the Pacific; he received his Bachelor of Arts degree at Bridgewater College, then became a professor in a school at Goshen, Virginia, after which he took work for his Master of Arts degree at the University of Virginia; he married Jewel Lee Campbell, daughter of Frank and Rachel Elizabeth Christian Campbell. 4. Laird Lorraine, born August 17, 1927, who studied at the National Business College, in Roanoke, completed the junior college course at Shenandoah College, in Dayton, Virginia, being graduated from Bridgewater College as a member of the class of 1950; he served in the navy during World War II, and rejoined the navy October 28, 1950.

M. J. GROVE LIME COMPANY—In 1858 the Hon. Manasses J. Grove, a member of the Maryland Legislature, retired school teacher and a farmer of thrifty and aggressive nature, saw the necessity of replenishing and maintaining the fertility of his rich acres located on Carrollton Manor at Lime Kiln, Frederick County, Maryland, and decided to take advantage of the natural resources on his own land, which contained large deposits

of high-grade limestone, in order to accomplish his purpose. Accordingly he built a small lime kiln on his property at Lime Kiln, Maryland, and immediately began the manufacture of lime, or calcium oxide, for use on his own land. From this meager beginning in 1858 the present M. J. Grove Lime Company, one of the outstanding producers of lime and limestone products in this section of the country, has developed.

Immediately following the erection of his first small kiln, M. J. Grove's neighbors persuaded him to produce lime for their farms and by trading labor back and forth for the next few years, lime for the local area surrounding Lime Kiln, Maryland, was produced. In 1875, having seen the possibilities and prospects for expansion during this exploratory period, he took his eldest son, the late William J. Grove, into partnership with him and formed the firm of M. J. Grove and Son. Additional kilns and further development of the original property began at once and shortly thereafter lime was being shipped by rail to other nearby points and to neighboring states.

On August 7, 1889, the partnership was dissolved and a corporation organized under the laws of Maryland. The firm's name became The M. J. Grove Lime Company of Frederick County and under this same name the firm still operates. As the business continued to grow, it soon became evident that additional plant facilities would be needed, and Manasses J. Grove's remaining four sons, Edward D., Sr., Bernard L. Sr., James H., Sr., and Eugene A., joined in the enterprise when they reached maturity, and additional limestone deposits were purchased near Frederick, Maryland. What is now known as the Grove plant was placed in operation at that location in October, 1889. In 1890, in order to provide a retail outlet for its products in one of its best markets, it purchased property in Washington, D. C., near what is now the site of the Union Station. The Grove Lime and Coal Company was then formed. It may be interesting to know that lime produced by the company was used in the erection of the United States Capitol, and that crushed stone from its Grove plant was used in the construction of the driveways around the White House.

As the business continued to expand and progress, its officers began to look around for other sites and limestone deposits, and in 1899 land at Stephens City, Virginia, was purchased at the instigation of the late Edward D. Grove, Sr., then vice-president of the company. The erection of kilns and the development of the present Stephens

City, Virginia, plant was begun, and production started there in 1900. Since that year the Stephens City plant has been in continuous operation, producing lime, crushed stone and other limestone products. Even during the depression years, because of the high quality and purity of its limestone deposits, this plant continued to operate and its products were much in demand. The products which come from this plant are used in a large number of industrial processes, principally in steel mills, paper mills, drug and medicine manufacture, paint manufacture, water treatment and purification, sewage treatment, preparation of insecticides and sprays, and in building, as well as agricultural uses; also a limestone sand is produced which is used in the manufacture of glass and for use in construction. During recent years a fleet of twenty trucks has been hauling its agricultural lime products continuously to points within a hundred-mile radius of this plant, and the great apple-and fruit-producing belts of Virginia and West Virginia consume large amounts of its production in the spraying of fruits and vegetables.

Because of the many and rapid changes in production methods and processing of finished products, the present plant is the third such structure which has been built on the present site of the Stephens City, Virginia, plant. Millions of tons of limestone have been quarried from this open-pit operation and during recent years because of excessive overburden it has become necessary to go underground and mine the crude limestone by methods similar to those used in the mining of coal, ores and other metals.

Prior to the beginning of World War II approximately two hundred and fifty men were employed at this plant. The requirements of the military service and other related war industries seriously affected the supply of available manpower and made it necessary to install a large amount of modern heavy machinery in order to offset the loss of production created by labor shortages. At present about a hundred and fifty men are employed at the Virginia operations, and production stands at approximately the prewar level. A survey of the company records shows that the average length of service of employees is sixteen years and that several employees have been with the company since 1899 when the plant was first put into operation.

In 1938 another deposit of limestone was acquired near Middletown, Frederick County, Virginia, and went into production of open-hearth and blast furnace limestone used in steel manu-

facturing. During the last eighteen months of World War II German prisoners of war were utilized at this plant to produce limestone. Raw materials required for the production of lime and limestone products are not many nor varied. Electric power, coal, coke, wood, bags and explosives are its principal needs and all these have to be brought from outside the local area.

The company now produces at its various plants: lime (chemical, building, fluxing and agricultural), commercial crushed stone, blast-furnace and open-hearth lime stone, pulverized limestone, masonry mortar, concrete and cinder blocks, concrete pipe and ready-mix concrete. One large division of the company has for many years been engaged in the construction of roads, streets and bridges.

The main offices of the company are located at Lime Kiln, Frederick County, Maryland, the site of its original plant; and plants are located at Stephens City and Middletown, Virginia, Grove and Lime Kiln, Maryland. Present officers of the M. J. Grove Lime Company are Robert B. Crothers, president; F. Grove White, vice-president; Edward D. Grove, Jr., secretary; James H. Grove, Jr., treasurer; W. Jarboe Grove, construction superintendent; Clifford M. Yinger, assistant secretary; William R. Schildknecht, assistant treasurer. Chas. E. Bass is general superintendent of the Stephens City, Virginia, plant.

FREDERICK JOSEPH LARRICK has ably served his country in time of war, and his home community, Middletown, in peacetime. He has throughout his career been identified with the postal service, and he has also responsibly discharged the duties of town mayor and school board member.

His family is one long identified with the region, and his parents were James Septimus (q.v.) and Anna Cornelia (Showalter) Larrick. His paternal grandparents were Joseph and Mary (Bell) Larrick, and his maternal grandparents, Jacob and Arabella (Aby) Showalter. Jacob Showalter was born near Middletown, and his wife, who was born in 1812, was the daughter of Jonas Aby, of German birth, and of Barbara (Hulett) Aby, who was born in Frederick County.

A native of Middletown, Virginia, Frederick Joseph Larrick was born April 27, 1872. After attending public schools and Shenandoah Normal College, he matriculated at Virginia Military Institute, his father's alma mater, on August 27, 1890. There he was a cadet for a period of one year and three months, leaving December 2, 1891. As an

undergraduate at Virginia Military Institute, he was a member of the Glee Club.

After leaving the institute, Mr. Larrick was connected with the Norfolk and Western Railway. He was later a teacher in the public school in his own home community, and at this time made application for examination for the railway mail service, which inaugurated a life-long career. He entered the mail service June 20, 1900.

Under date of February 15, 1918, Mr. Larrick was advised that he had been selected for assignment to postal duty in France. He sailed for that warring country March 14, 1918, and was placed in charge of a detachment of forty postal employees. Remaining in France until May 24, 1919, Mr. Larrick then returned to the United States. He re-entered the civilian mail service, from which he was retired April 30, 1934. His career had been no less notable for its high standard of performance than for continuity of service.

Mr. Larrick has been a member of the Frederick County school board since 1928, and is a former member of the town council and former president of the Community League. He is fraternally affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and is a communicant of the Methodist Church.

In Baltimore, Maryland, October 15, 1914, Frederick Joseph Larrick married Anna C. Chambers of Bolivar, West Virginia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Chambers. Anna (Chambers) Larrick died in February, 1926. They were the parents of two children: 1. John Frederick, born in Baltimore, October 1, 1917. He attended Virginia Military Institute, being of the third generation of his family to matriculate at this historic school. 2. James Randolph, who was born in Middletown, Virginia, July 10, 1920.

Frederick J. Larrick still resides in Middletown.

JAMES SEPTIMUS LARRICK—The name of Larrick has long been identified with the progress of the communities of the Shenandoah Valley. James Septimus Larrick, of Middletown, Virginia, contributed in full measure to this advancement as teacher, farmer and surveyor. Mr. Larrick was the father of Frederick Joseph Larrick (q.v.) who still makes his home in Middletown. For the biographical information contained in this sketch we are indebted to Colonel William Couper, in whose volume "The V. M. I. New Market Cadets" it first appeared.

James Septimus Larrick was born near Middle-

town, July 29, 1838, son of Joseph Larrick, who was born in 1782 near Middletown, and of Mary (Bell) Larrick, who came to this country from Yorkshire, England in 1829. His paternal grandparents were John Larrick, whose name was originally spelled Larrique, and who came to America from Alsace-Lorraine, France, about 1755. This John Larrick, or Larrique, married Margaret Barrow, daughter of William Barrow, who came from Ireland and settled near Middletown, Virginia. Mary (Bell) Larrick was a daughter of George Bell, who was converted to the Methodist faith under John Wesley, and who built the first Methodist Church at Middletown, Virginia, soon after he settled there in 1819. He married Mary Sigsworth, who died in their native England.

Until the beginning of the War Between the States, James S. Larrick worked on his mother's farm. He was elected second lieutenant of a cavalry company in 1856, the company being mustered in in Stevens City, Virginia. In 1859 the company received arms and was ordered to report to General Lucius Davis at Charlestown, now in West Virginia. This, his first military service, was for the defense of any effort on the part of the North to release John Brown, at that time confined in the jail at Charlestown. The company did picket and scouting duty until Brown was hanged, December 2, 1859.

While at school at Front Royal, April 18, 1861, Larrick's company was ordered to Harper's Ferry to prevent, if possible, the burning of the United States Armory located there. His company arrived at Harper's Ferry about daylight, April 20, 1861, after a night's march, and were stationed at Berlin Bridge, now the Brunswick Station of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. His cavalry company was later formed into a regiment known as the First Regiment of Virginia Cavalry, Lieutenant Colonel J. E. B. Stuart commanding. Of this regiment, James S. Larrick's company was Company A. As soon as the First Regiment was formed, it hastened to check Patterson's army, which had crossed the Potomac River at Williamsport. Daily skirmishes with the Union Army followed, after which the outfit was ordered to Manassas, July 19, 1861. Two days later the regiment was ordered to charge the New York Zouaves, and in the absence of his captain and first lieutenant, Larrick was in charge of his company on this occasion.

The First Regiment was ordered to Yorktown, after Manassas and the Rappahannock, and there James S. Larrick's time of service expired. He resigned April 19, 1862. He reported, September

1, 1862, for matriculation at Virginia Military Institute, and actually matriculated on the next day, his age being recorded at that time as twenty-two rather than twenty-four years of age. He was the oldest cadet who participated in the battle of New Market, and at the time was a private in Company A, although in the battle he served with the artillery section. He returned to the Institute the following session, and remained until January 18, 1865.

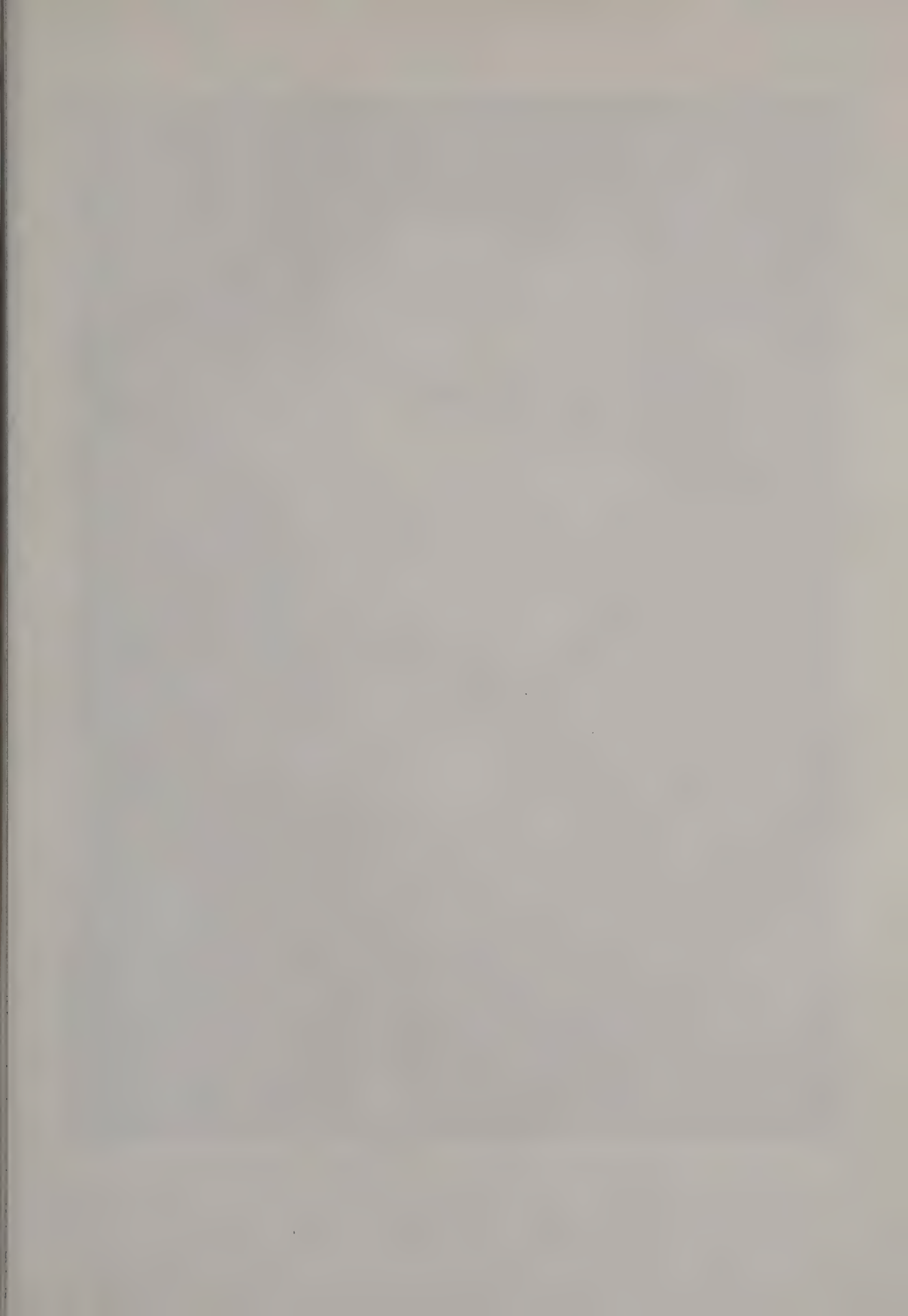
The remainder of his life was devoted to farming and to the responsibilities of school teacher and county surveyor at Middletown, where he engaged in these varied occupations for over twenty-five years. He died suddenly of apoplexy on March 14, 1911, while surveying on the farm of J. H. Pickeral at Middletown.

In 1871, James Septimus Larrick married Anna Cornelia Showalter, of Frederick County, Virginia. She was born September 11, 1843, daughter of Jacob and Arabella (Aby) Showalter, who had married February 26, 1833. Her father was of German birth. Anna Cornelia (Showalter) Larrick died February 19, 1925. They were the parents of six children: 1. Frederick Joseph, (q.v.). 2. Sydney Guyer. 3. Charles Victor. 4. Richard Roy. 5. Cora Annette, who married Charles W. Hammack. 6. Barbara Augusta, who married Ernest T. Everley.

BENJAMIN MITCHELL KNIGHT, D.D.S.—

Bringing to the practice of his profession a thorough preparation, Benjamin Mitchell Knight, D.D.S., has practiced in Winchester, Virginia, since 1928. In these twenty years he has built up a large clientele which has the utmost confidence in his skill. Dr. Knight's offices are at 114 West Boscawen Street, Winchester. He is an active fraternalist as well as participating in the organizations of his colleagues.

Dr. Knight was born June 5, 1899, son of Dr. Benjamin Mitchell Knight, a native of Winchester, and Charlotte Elizabeth Pavey Knight, a daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Charles Pavey of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The senior Dr. Benjamin Mitchell Knight was also a dentist and practiced in Winchester for over fifty years. He was a Democrat in his politics, and in the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons identified himself with various bodies of the order, including Hiram Lodge No. 21, of which he was Past Grand Master, and the Commandery of the Knights Templar. He was a vestryman of Christ Episcopal





Ronald L. Jordan

Church and active in civic organizations prior to his death in 1937.

After attending private schools and Shenandoah Valley Academy in Winchester, Dr. Benjamin M. Knight graduated from Porter Military Academy in 1918. He attended Virginia Military Institute where he was a member of the Students Army Training Corps. At Pennsylvania State College he completed his academic and preparatory education and pursued his professional studies at the University of Maryland, from which he was graduated in 1928 with the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery. Dr. Knight has also taken graduate courses at Columbia and at the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery of the University of Maryland.

On entering the practice of dentistry in 1928, Dr. Knight came immediately to Winchester where he has practiced since. He has gained recognition among the professional men of the city and the general public alike. He is a member of the American Dental Association and a past president of both the Shenandoah Valley Dental Association, and the Northern Virginia Dental Study Club.

Locally, Dr. Knight is a member of the American Legion, the Rotary Club, having served on the board of directors, and the Winchester Country Club. He is fraternally affiliated with the Blue Lodge of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and is a communicant of Christ Episcopal Church and a former member of the vestry. During World War II he was a member of the Selective Service System in Winchester and was awarded a Certificate of Merit for his services. In his politics, Dr. Knight is a Democrat.

In September, 1929, Dr. Benjamin Mitchell Knight married Gladys Drysdale Gillet, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Gillet of Newport News, Virginia. Dr. and Mrs. Knight have three children, all of whom were born in Winchester: 1. Susan Drysdale, a graduate of St. Annes School, Charlottesville, Virginia. 2. Charlotte Gillet, a student at Stuart Hall, Staunton, Virginia. 3. Benjamin Mitchell, 4th.

DONALD LEWIS JORDAN—A resident of Roanoke since 1913, Donald Lewis Jordan has gained recognition as one of its foremost business executives. He has been president and general manager of the Johnson-Carper Furniture Company since 1937, and is also vice-president and director of the Thaden-Jordan Furniture Corporation. While particularly identified with the furniture field, Mr. Jordan has built up an excellent record

as a civic-minded citizen. He is a recognized leader among business men, being active in his work with the National Association of Manufacturers.

A native of Halifax County, Virginia, Donald Lewis Jordan was born September 9, 1896, and is a son of Charles M. and Maude Alice (Betts) Jordan, his father being engaged in the wholesale tobacco business.

After attending Cluster Springs Academy, Donald L. Jordan studied in the Roanoke Chapter of the American Institute of Banking, of which he is a graduate. He has retained through the years an interest in educational organizations, being a member of the board of directors of the Educational Foundation, Virginia Polytechnic Institute at Blacksburg, and a member of the board of directors of the Furniture Foundation, North Carolina State College at Raleigh.

On completing his education Donald L. Jordan first entered the banking field, becoming associated with the old First National Bank of Roanoke, which was consolidated with the National Exchange Bank and is now known as the First National Exchange Bank. Gaining experience in fiscal practices, he in 1927 entered, in the capacity of accountant, the field of commerce in which he has since been engaged. Identified throughout the intervening years with the Johnson-Carper Furniture Company, he advanced from accountant to assistant secretary-treasurer, later became secretary-treasurer, then vice-president, and in recognition of his exceptional qualities as an executive, was made president and general manager in 1937. Mr. Jordan also holds executive office, that of vice-president and member of the board of directors, in the Thaden-Jordan Furniture Corporation, this concern being a new industry which was launched in Roanoke in 1946. He is a director of Moore of Bedford, Inc., of Bedford, Virginia, manufacturers of upholstered living room furniture, and the Travelers Aid Society. Always an acknowledged leader among his colleagues in the furniture field, Mr. Jordan served on the War Production Board in charge of conversion to war production of the furniture industry in 1942. He was president of the Southern Furniture Manufacturers' Association, covering fifteen Southeastern and Southwestern states, from 1942 to 1944; and holds directorship in the Southern Furniture Manufacturers' Association, the National Association of Manufacturers, and the Virginia Manufacturers Association. Mr. Jordan was named "Man of the Year" for 1950, in the furniture industry,

by the board of governors of the American Furniture Mart, Chicago, in June of that year.

In the National Association of Manufacturers, Mr. Jordan has been particularly active. He has served on the board of directors from 1945 through 1949. In December, 1949, he was elected as regional vice-president, representing Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia. In 1949, he served as vice-chairman of the finance and federal subsidies committee, and has served on its economic control and taxation committees. Currently (1951) he is a member of the public relations committee and the executive committee, and vice-chairman of the federal subsidies steering committee. He was a member of the executive committee and chairman of the public relations committee for 1950 of the Virginia Manufacturers Association, and was chairman of its community relations committee in 1948. Mr. Jordan is also a member of the council committee on labor resources, Advisory Council on Virginia Economy; member of the board of governors of the America Furniture Mart Building, Inc., in Chicago; director of the Furniture Club of America in Chicago; member of the Virginia Advisory Board of the Liberty Mutual Insurance Company of Richmond; and member of the travel promotion and public relations committee of the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce. Locally, he is identified with his own Chamber of Commerce in Roanoke, and was a member of its board of directors from 1942 to 1944.

His business judgment is highly valued in the banking field, also, and he is a director of the Colonial American National Bank of Roanoke. Mr. Jordan, who has always participated in worthwhile causes, served as chairman of the finance committee, Roanoke Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America, and, in 1951, is serving as chairman of the Roanoke Red Cross campaign.

Mr. Jordan is a member of the Rotary, the Roanoke Country Club, and the Farmington Country Club of Charlottesville, Virginia. He was vice-president of the Roanoke Advertising Club in 1949. Affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Mr. Jordan is a thirty-second degree Mason and a member of Kazim Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a Baptist in his religious faith, and serves the Calvary Baptist Church of Roanoke as a member of the board of deacons and member of the finance committee.

In Roanoke, February 27, 1924, Donald Lewis Jordan married Mary Preston Hughson, daughter

of Frederick M. and May (Collins) Hughson. Mr. and Mrs. Jordan are the parents of two children: 1. Donald Lewis, Jr., born November 16, 1926. 2. Charles Frederick, born April 19, 1929. The family make their home at 2438 Robin Hood Road, Sherwood Forest, Roanoke. Mr. Jordan's business address, that of the Johnson-Carper Furniture Company, is on Hollins Road, Roanoke.

JOHNSON-CARPER FURNITURE COMPANY

—Johnson-Carper, in Roanoke, made its first shipments of furniture in 1928. Today, slightly more than two decades later, Johnson-Carper has just completed a six hundred thousand dollar addition to its plant, making it one of the most modern in the world; its famous "Fashion Trend" bedroom furniture is being sold by several thousand dealers from coast to coast, and its extensive national advertising and efficient dealer merchandising aids program has made the name "Fashion Trend" well-known to millions of homemakers, *probably the best-known moderate-cost bedroom furniture in America today.*

The company was organized in 1927, with the late C. A. Johnson as president; N. G. Carper, now deceased, was the first secretary-treasurer. In 1932, Mr. Johnson resigned, Mr. Carper was named president, and Donald L. Jordan was elected secretary-treasurer, becoming vice-president after the death of Mr. Carper in April, 1932, and president and general manager in December of that year, the position he holds today. That same year, I. T. Hooker was elected vice-president, and J. Hardin Hill, secretary-treasurer. In 1948, Mr. Hill was elected vice-president and Richard E. Hubbard was named to succeed him as secretary-treasurer.

When any business organization, during turbulent depression and war-time years, can rise from Johnson-Carper's modest beginnings to the important position it occupies in the furniture industry today, there is a reason. Perhaps, in Johnson-Carper's case, this reason is best summed up by a statement appearing in the magazine "Furniture World", in October, 1948:

Johnson-Carper's furniture is aimed at the homes of people who appreciate beauty and who require quality, yet must buy from average, moderate incomes. One of the dealers who has distributed Johnson-Carper furniture throughout its history accounts for its success in these words: "I think that if any one factor is responsible for Johnson-Carper's success, that factor is the recognition on the part of its management of re-

sponsibility to the buying public and to the dealers who put furniture into their customers' homes. In short, their product is honest furniture, honestly sold to one and all".

In recent years, "Fashion Trend" bedroom furniture has received widespread national attention, both through editorial publicity prepared by some of the leading national magazines and through Johnson-Carper's own extensive advertising program. This year, "Fashion Trend" is being advertised in such leading home and fiction magazines as "Better Homes and Gardens", "Good Housekeeping", "House Beautiful", "House and Garden" and "Living". It is a regular award feature on some of the nation's top network television and radio shows. Last year, the company was chosen as the exclusive manufacturer of the prize-winning design for storage units in the Museum of Modern Art's international competition, in which almost three thousand designers from thirty-one nations participated.

The magazine "Business Week" (October 22, 1949) gave recognition to Don Jordan's part in keeping his company a leader in the field, stating in part:

Donald L. Jordan, president of Johnson-Carper, laid out six hundred thousand dollars to modernize his plant. He gets mileage out of this outlay because he looked at all the angles before he started. Then he put the money where it would do the most good.

Jordan is a cost-cutter from way back. He was one of the first furniture makers to apply synthetic furniture resins to his products, one of the first to use overhead conveyors to carry the pieces through the painting, finishing and buffing operations. A year or so ago, he realized that those steps weren't enough; he needed bigger brooms to clear up his plant operation. . . .

Jordan has overlooked no bets on improving efficiency. He knows the human factor is important. He has put in a new collection system that keeps the air clean of sawdust. A new electrical distribution system makes for greater safety. And finally, he has thrown in a wage-incentive system for good measure.

Add to these Johnson-Carper's insight into the homemaker's heart; its understanding of how to produce moderate-cost furniture in tasteful designs; its building of an extensive force of intelligent, experienced, and hard-working salesmen; and its ability to create profitable advertising at national and local levels, which recently led "House and Garden" to write, after one of its own surveys: "We think you will be pleased to know that more stores ran ads on your furniture than any other advertised in our magazine. . . .

It is obvious that you . . . are doing a superb merchandising job. This company has all those elements of progressive management upon which depends the continuing supremacy of the Shenandoah Valley as an industrial area." The valley can well be proud of its great friend, the Johnson-Carper Furniture Company.

DUDLEY LEONARD MARSTELLER—From 1908 to 1924, Dudley Leonard Marsteller, of Roanoke, was engaged in the automobile business, and during most of that period was associated with his father in that business. The present firm, known as the Marsteller Corporation, was established in 1887 by John H. Marsteller and was incorporated in 1933 with Mr. Marsteller as president. He is not only prominent in the business life of the community, but a popular figure in fraternal groups.

Mr. Marsteller was born in Roanoke, May 15, 1891, and is a son of John Hartman and Leonora Olivia (Leonard) Marsteller. His father was for a number of years engaged in the monument business, which was founded in 1887. In his later years, however, he entered the automobile business, managing a Buick agency under the name of Model Garage. He died on May 7, 1929.

After completing his courses in the high school at Roanoke, Dudley L. Marsteller entered the University of Illinois, where he remained for three years. Subsequently, during World War I, he served with the American Expeditionary Force in Belgium, holding the rank of second lieutenant with the 362nd Infantry. His honorable discharge was received on May 9, 1919.

From 1919 until 1925, Mr. Marsteller worked in association with his father in the Model Garage, and in 1924 became a member of J. H. Marsteller Company, Inc. From 1925, he was engaged in the operation of the present business, the monument business established by his father, and upon the death of his father in 1929, took over management of the enterprise. In 1933, the business became known as the Marsteller Corporation. Of it, Mr. Marsteller is president, while Ann E. Marsteller holds the position of vice-president.

Mr. Marsteller is fraternally identified with the lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks No. 197, of which he is past exalted ruler. He is also a member of the Pleasants Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons No. 63, and is past master of this lodge in Roanoke. He has attained the thirty-second degree, Ancient Ac-

cepted Scottish Rite, and is past potentate of Kazim Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He was captain of the Patrol Corps for many years. He belongs also to the Roanoke Country Club and the Rotary Club of Roanoke. His church affiliation is with Christ Lutheran Church in Roanoke, and he is a member of the council and chairman of the building committee of that congregation, which recently erected a new house of worship.

At Roanoke, October 5, 1921, Dudley Leonard Marsteller married Ann Sneller, daughter of Englehardt and Helen (Adamson) Sneller. Mr. and Mrs. Marsteller are the parents of three children: 1. Helen Leonora, born June 30, 1922. She married Edward F. Treutel. 2. Dudley Leonard, Jr., born September 21, 1925. 3. John Hartman, born May 22, 1934.

LEONARD EARL SIMMS—As farmer, real estate operator and builder and as operator of a ready-mixed concrete plant, L. Earl Simms of Roanoke and Salem is known throughout the Valley. He is president of the Forest Hills Corporation, vice-president of the Fairlawn Realty Company, and secretary of Simms and Ingram, all with headquarters in Roanoke. In the World War II period, he built what were first known as defense homes and then as war housing in the Roanoke area. He is well known in the business and civic life of the Valley.

The son of Paul Simms, a farmer and merchant of Franklin County, and Eula (Rakes) Simms, L. Earl Simms was born in Franklin County on October 22, 1905. He is a graduate of elementary and high schools and the Ferum Junior College of Franklin County. For three years Mr. Simms worked in a grocery store in Roanoke. In 1929, he left the Old Dominion State and for the next two years was active in various parts of Indiana and in Cincinnati, Ohio. In the latter city he worked for the Fisher Body Company, and in Lafayette, Indiana, he established and operated a miniature golf course. In 1931, Mr. Simms returned to Roanoke and since that time he has been active in the building and real estate businesses. When the United States entered the "national emergency" period and then World War II, he built defense and war housing at Radford, Christiansburg, Blackstone, and Norfolk. In 1947 he established his ready-mixed concrete plant. In addition to serving as executive of Forest Hills Corporation, Fairlawn Realty Company, and Simms and Ingram, Mr. Simms operates a farm

on Rural Route 2, Salem. This is also the Simms family home.

Mr. Simms is a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Hidden Valley Country Club, the Acorn Flying Club, and the Beach Hunt Club. He and his family attend the First Methodist Church of Salem. His hobby is farming and for recreation he likes most sports.

On June 19, 1946, Mr. Simms married Irene Marie Switzer, the daughter of Luther and Cora (Strickler) Switzer. The ceremony took place at Gulfport, Mississippi. By a first marriage, which took place in 1928 at Covington, Kentucky, Mr. Simms is the father of a son, Vance Keith Simms.

CALVIN GRADY CATES—The man who introduced cinder blocks to the construction industry in Shenandoah Valley is Calvin Grady Cates of Roanoke—better known as C. Grady Cates. Now owner of the building material business of C. Grady Cates, with headquarters in Roanoke, Mr. Cates has had long experience in this field in the South, chiefly in the Valley. In his enterprise he is associated with his two sons, J. Wallace Cates and C. Grady Cates, Jr. He is active in civic and fraternal organizations and in the building industry in general.

C. Grady Cates was born at Burlington, North Carolina, on August 21, 1891. He is the son of James Wesley and Sarah Elizabeth (Scott) Cates. His father, one of North Carolina's outstanding citizens, was a contractor who also sold building materials. He was president of the Burlington Bank and was chairman of the Burlington Board of Education. In the War Between the States he served as a recruiting officer.

Graduated from the Burlington High School in 1910, C. Grady Cates later studied at home through the International Correspondence Schools, taking courses in engineering, specializing in bridge and general construction. His first job was with the Cates Machine and Bridge Company in Burlington. Subsequently, he was with the Virginia Bridge and Iron Company in that city. In 1912 Mr. Cates came to the Shenandoah Valley, and went to work as a salesman and draftsman for the Roanoke Bridge Company in Roanoke. Three years later he was made chief engineer for the successor firm, the Roanoke Iron and Bridge Works. In 1920, he resigned to become associated with the American Truck Body Company at Martinsville. He left this company in 1922 to establish an engineering service and to sell building materials. After eight years he proceeded to

organize, with associates, what later became Cinder Block, Inc. In his own business, he had handled principally iron and steel, but at the same time giving engineering service on reinforced concrete design. He had represented the Corrugated Bar Company, the Kalman Steel Company, the Detroit Steel Products Company, and others. In 1930, he consolidated this business with the Stone-Tile and Supply Company, owned by M. W. Ferguson. From this combination developed Cinder Block, Inc., of which Mr. Cates became sales manager. It was in this period that he introduced the first cinder blocks in the Valley. In 1944, Mr. Cates resigned from Cinder Block, Inc., to establish the firm of C. Grady Cates in Roanoke.

Prominent throughout the industry, Mr. Cates served as president of the Virginia Society of Professional Engineers in 1944-45. He is also active in several Masonic bodies, including Kazim Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, in Roanoke, of the Roanoke Lodge, Knights of Pythias, and the Roanoke Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, as well as the Hidden Valley Country Club. He and his family worship at the Virginia Heights Baptist Church. The Cates home is at 1717 Arlington Road, Raleigh Court.

On January 9, 1911, at Greensboro, North Carolina, Mr. Cates married Olive Lloyd, the daughter of Wallace and Elizabeth (Lloyd) Lloyd. They have the two sons previously mentioned: Calvin Grady Cates, Jr., who was born on October 11, 1911, and James Wallace Cates, who was born on June 21, 1913. In World War II, both the sons served with the United States Navy Air Corps, both attaining the ranks of Lieutenant Senior Grade. Both sons assisted their father in the development of their business. Before the war C. Grady Cates, Jr., was division sales manager for the Celotex Corporation, and his brother with his father's concrete products business.

CLAIR FRANCIS CASSELL is president of the firm of C. F. Cassell and Company, Inc., of Charlottesville. He has successfully engaged in a number of business enterprises in the Shenandoah Valley, and holds directorships in eight of its important firms.

Born in Bedford County, Virginia, May 23, 1895, Clair Francis Cassell is a son of John F. and Anne Lee (Eustace) Cassell. His father was a farmer and railroad telegrapher. The executive began his education locally and is a graduate of Charlottesville High School. His first business

connection was as officer of the Peoples National Bank of Charlottesville, which he held from 1913 to early 1917, and again, after the war, during 1919 and 1920. In the latter year he became vice-president of the J. N. Waddell Shoe Company, Inc., also of Charlottesville, and, in 1922, assumed the presidency of Cassells, Inc., which firm he headed until 1929. From July 1, 1929 to May 1, 1938, he was representative of the firm of Robert Garrett and Sons of Baltimore, with offices in Charlottesville; and in May, 1938, he established the firm of C. F. Cassell and Company, as a partnership. The firm continued on that basis until January 17, 1946, when it was incorporated with Mr. Cassell as its president.

Mr. Cassell is president of the Virginia Mortgage Corporation of Charlottesville, and vice-president and director of Natural Bridge of Virginia, Incorporated. He is a director of the following: Alberene Stone Corporation, Schuyler, Virginia; Cassco Corporation, Charlottesville; Crozet Cold Storage Corporation of Crozet, Virginia; Friendly Finance Service, Inc., of Charlottesville; O'Sullivan Rubber Corporation, Winchester; Old Virginia Packing Company, Front Royal; Riverton Lime and Stone Company, Riverton; and the Safeway Transit Company of Wilmington, North Carolina.

Fraternally Mr. Cassell is affiliated with the lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons and Chapter No. 58, Keystone Royal Arch. He is a member of the Farmington Country Club, the Keswick Country Club, Rappahannock River Yacht Club and the Colonnade Club. He is a communicant of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Charlottesville.

During World War I, Mr. Cassell enlisted with Company D of the First Virginia Infantry, National Guard. He served from June 8, 1917 to August 5, 1917, with Company B, 116th Infantry, 29th Division. He attended the Third Officers Training School at Camp McClellan, Alabama, and graduated April 19, 1918. On May 12 of that year he was commissioned a second lieutenant. He was assigned to the Machine Gun Company of the 115th Infantry, 29th Division, and participated with that outfit in the Meuse-Argonne offensive. He was later assigned to Machine Gun Company in the 54th Infantry, Sixth Division, and served until April 19, 1919, with the Army of Occupation. Clair F. Cassell was wounded at Gildwiller in the central sector of Alsace. He resigned his commission July 9, 1919. He is a member of the American Legion.

On August 29, 1922, Clair F. Cassell married

Mary Caldwell Hildreth, daughter of Eugenius Augustus and Jane Neave (Brady) Hildreth. They are the parents of two children: 1. Eugene Hildreth. 2. Anne, who married Frederick T. Bromm.

WILLIAM SOBIESKI HILDRETH—William Sobieski Hildreth had a varied career in agriculture, industry and banking leading to his present position as president of the Peoples National Bank of Charlottesville. He has held many other official connections with Shenandoah Valley organizations.

A native of Wheeling, West Virginia, Mr. Hildreth was born March 15, 1893, son of Eugenius Augustus and Jane Neave (Brady) Hildreth. He attended Sewanee Military Academy from 1906 to 1908, and in 1911 graduated from Shenandoah Valley Academy in Winchester, Virginia. He then entered the University of Virginia, but after one year at that institution he transferred to the University of Wisconsin, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1915. He was a student at Ohio State University during 1916-1917. In 1919, following his service in Europe during World War I, Mr. Hildreth took courses at the Ecole Nationale de Horticulture in Paris, France.

His career began when in 1915 he became a chemist with the Hazel-Atlas Glass Company, and he remained with the firm until 1917. He then entered the United States Army, serving with the 308th Trench Mortar Battery, Field Artillery, attached to the 83rd Division. He held the rank of first lieutenant and participated in the action at Argonne and east of the Meuse. On his return from Europe in 1919, Mr. Hildreth engaged in farming for a period of a year. He became president of the Rivanna Grocery Company in 1923 and continued in the grocery business until 1927, when he found his true career in banking.

In that year Mr. Hildreth became assistant to the president of the Peoples National Bank, and he has been with that financial institution ever since. In 1930 he was promoted to vice-president; became executive vice-president in 1937; and the following year was elected its president. He also holds the position of director of that bank, having been a member of the board since 1929. He is chairman of the board and director of the Cassco Corporation, and director of the following: Chesapeake and Western Railway; Natural Bridge of Virginia, Inc.; Siberene Stone Company; Michie Company; and Crozet Cold Storage

Company. He is a member of the executive committee of the O'Sullivan Rubber Corporation.

He is president of the Thomas Jefferson Birthplace Memorial Foundation Commission, and a director of the Thomas Jefferson Memorial Foundation. Mr. Hildreth's fraternities are Phi Gamma Delta, and Sigma Delta Chi, the honorary journalistic society. He is a director of the Colonnade Club, and a member of the Red Land Club, the Keswick Country Club, and the Farmington Country Club of Charlottesville, Virginia. Mr. Hildreth is an Episcopalian in his religious faith.

William S. Hildreth has been twice married. He married, first, on March 29, 1924, Elizabeth Michie, and this marriage terminated in divorce. He married, second, in Richmond, Virginia, on May 9, 1942, Angelica Farquharson Fraser, daughter of David Erskine and Roberta Cameron (McKenzie) Fraser. Mr. Hildreth is the father of the following children: 1. Haidee Perkins, born August 2, 1925. 2. Angelica F. Cranford, a step-child who was born June 29, 1932. 3. Jonathan Zane Hildreth, born May 14, 1943.

WILSON FERGUSON MILLER — Lawyer, teacher and jurist, Wilson Ferguson Miller of Lexington has made his contribution to the development of the Shenandoah Valley through a many-sided approach to public service. He is a former member of the law faculty of Washington and Lee University at Lexington and has been both justice of the peace of Rockbridge County and substitute trial justice. Also, he has served as clerk of the Lexington Town Council and in World War II was a leader in civilian and military homefront programs.

Mr. Miller was born at Shamokin, Pennsylvania, on January 5, 1896, the son of John and Margaret Ferguson (Morrow) Miller. The future lawyer and jurist began his education in the elementary schools of his native Shamokin. In 1924, he was graduated from the Shamokin High School and five years later took his degree of Bachelor of Science at Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pennsylvania. For a time he also attended Syracuse University at Syracuse, New York, but he finished his education in the law courses of Washington and Lee University, which in 1935 granted him the degree of Bachelor of Laws.

Admitted to the Virginia State Bar in 1935, Mr. Miller launched himself on a general practice of the law at Lexington. The following year he became Justice of the Peace of Rockbridge County,

which office he held from 1936 to 1943. In 1942 he began a five-year period of service as an instructor in law at his Alma Mater, Washington and Lee, and in the same year he became clerk of the Lexington Town Council, a post he held until 1945. For several years he has been Substitute Trial Justice for Rockbridge County. In September, 1943, Mr. Miller accepted the rank of Supply Sergeant in the Virginia Reserve Militia—or Minute Man—and served until the end of World War II in 1945. In the same period he was chairman of the Food Panel for the county. Outside the bar and civic affairs, he is prominent in the Masonic order, in which he holds the thirty-second degree. He belongs to such Masonic bodies as the Lexington Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; Roanoke Consistory, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite; and the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at Roanoke. He worships in the Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Miller married Annie Bryan Zollman, the daughter of Minnie (Superinger) and Bryan Zollman, at Lexington on June 12, 1935. Mr. and Mrs. Miller have a daughter and son—Margaret Annie Miller, who was born on February 16, 1938, and Wilson Morrow Miller, who was born on October 2, 1947.

ANDREW ALEXANDER McCLUNG—The artistry of Andrew Alexander McClung of Lexington has made him one of the best known photographers in the Shenandoah Valley and in the entire South in his particular field. Mr. McClung gained his most intensive training and experience as a photographer with the United States Army Air Forces at Wright Field, Ohio. Prior to that, he graduated from The Air Corps Technical School, Chanute Field, at Rantoul, Illinois. He participated especially in test operations at Wright Field and also in aerial and ground photography.

Mr. McClung was born in Fairfield on November 15, 1903, the son of Charles Sterrett and Anna (Wilson) McClung, the former a prominent farmer of Rockbridge County and member of the famed McClung and Sterrett families. The future photographer was graduated from the Brownsburg High School in 1923 and for a year thereafter was a student at Virginia Military Institute at Lexington. In 1925, he was graduated from the Dunsmore Business College at Staunton and since that time, he has graduated from the American School of Aviation and the Professional Retouching School in Chicago.

In 1929, Mr. McClung went to New York City and there for the next four years he was the

Southern representative for White Studio doing college annual photography. He went into business for himself in 1933, opening up studios in Lexington and Staunton, under the name of **ANDRÉ**—the French derivation of his first name Andrew. Since then, he has closed the one in Staunton and has only the one in Lexington, but has always specialized in college annual photography. He attained such leadership in the field as to be elected president of the Professional Photographer's Association of Virginia in 1941. Aside from professional organizations, Mr. McClung has belonged to the Rotary Club of Lexington. He is a thirty-second degree mason and is an active member of the various bodies of the Masonic order, including Kazim Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at Roanoke.

He married Irene Frances Long, daughter of Marvin H. Long and Fannie (Powell) Long, at Elkton on June 30, 1928. On November 24, 1949 at Lexington, Mr. McClung, divorced from his first wife, married Senora Hurt Shorter, daughter of James Frank Shorter of Lynchburg. By his first marriage, Mr. McClung became the father of two sons: Andrew Alexander McClung, Jr., born on March 26, 1929, and Charles Long McClung, born on April 12, 1930. The McClung family worships in the New Providence Presbyterian Church at Raphine.

CHARLES ORVILLE TURNER, of Lexington, is perhaps better known throughout his section of the Shenandoah Valley as "Red," for that is the name by which he has become known on his own radio program over station WREL. Mr. Turner, who is a variety store proprietor by occupation, does a radio show direct from his store every week day morning which has met with remarkable success. "Visit with Red" has become popular wherever the waves of station WREL are picked up.

Mr. Turner launched himself in both his primary occupation, and in the hobby which has made him so well known, at an early age. At the present writing, he is only thirty years of age, having been born January 30, 1919, in Portsmouth, Ohio. His father, Augustus Samuel Turner, now deceased, was engaged in the hotel business in that city, and increased his interests until he became the proprietor of a number of hotels extending throughout Ohio. He married Nina Life, who became the mother of Charles Orville Turner.

The son seems to have inherited no small amount of the father's commercial and enterprising ability,

which, however, he directed in other channels. A graduate of Harrisonburg High School in the class of 1936, he attended Washington and Lee University before devoting himself to his commercial career. For a time he was employed in chain drug stores in the Shenandoah Valley, gaining experience in their operation.

Soon, however, on July 22, 1942, he entered the United States Army, taking his basic training at Camp Lee, Virginia. He then entered officers' candidate school, and was commissioned a second lieutenant on December 23, 1942. He was later transferred to the air force, and was overseas from March, 1944, to August, 1945, participating with the Twelfth Air Force in the aerial activity which was an integral part of the invasion of southern France and neutralizing of northern Italy. He was discharged from the service with the rank of captain, and has retained membership in the Reserve Officers Association.

On resuming civilian life, Mr. Turner entered business with his brother-in-law, Charles E. Swinn in Lexington. It is since that time that he has gained recognition for the conduct of his own program, "Visit with Red." He is also much sought after as a sports announcer, particularly of football games.

Charles O. Turner is fraternally affiliated with the lodges of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He has retained membership in his college fraternity, Pi Kappa Alpha. He is a member of the Lions Club in Lexington, and was its president in 1949. He is also identified with the activities of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, having been chairman of the committee for its organization in Lexington, and is at present a member of the board of directors. He was chairman of the local chapter of the American Red Cross for 1948-1949, and conducted the 1948 fund drive. He was vice-president, and member of the board of directors, of the Chamber of Commerce of Lexington, and is chairman of the Merchants Association. He is a communicant of the Presbyterian Church.

In Knox City, Texas, May 2, 1948, Charles Orville Turner married Wynnell Edwards, daughter of Dr. Thomas Sydney and Alma (Rogers) Edwards. They make their home at 10 Welsh Road, Lexington.

JOHN HART LYLE—Born at "Clifton," near Brownsburg, March 8, 1885, John Hart Lyle is the only son of the late John Hart and Margaret

H. (Gibson) Lyle. His father was a Confederate soldier, afterwards engineer and surveyor, and farmer on the ancestral estate of "Edgehill."

At "Edgehill" were born and reared the sister (Mrs. Elizabeth Campbell Kinnear, wife of John Alexander Kinnear), and the five brothers of John Hart Lyle (the senior), children of Samuel Woods Lyle and his wife Margaret Alexander, who inherited "Edgehill" from her mother Elizabeth Campbell, wife of William Alexander, and daughter of Duncan Campbell, who purchased it from Thomas Stuart. Of these five brothers, all of them Confederate soldiers, was Duncan Campbell Lyle, Master of Arts and Assistant Professor, Washington and Lee University (which awarded him the degree of Litt.D.), post-graduate student at the Universities of Göttingen and Berlin, first secretary of the State Board of Education when organized by his cousin, Dr. W. H. Ruffner, and for forty-six years beloved teacher in McDonogh School, Baltimore, its "Grand Old Man."

Samuel Woods Lyle was a farmer at "Edgehill" and an elder in Timber Ridge Church, son of Captain William Lyle of "Oakley" and his second wife and cousin, Elizabeth Lyle. Captain William Lyle, officer in the Revolution, trustee of Washington College for thirty-nine years, and longer than that an elder in Timber Ridge Church, married, first, Julia Ann Stuart, and their second daughter, Sarah, married Henry Ruffner, Doctor of Divinity, Doctor of Laws, President of Washington College. Their son, Rev. William Henry Ruffner, Doctor of Divinity, as first Superintendent of Public Instruction, laid the foundations of the Virginia public school system. Their daughter, Ann B. Ruffner, married Arthur H. Howell, whose two daughters, Emily P. Howell and Sally Lyle Howell, married, respectively, John Lyle Campbell, Sr., Treasurer of Washington and Lee, and William Gerhard of Philadelphia. The other son of Dr. Henry Ruffner was Captain David L. Ruffner, Confederate States of America, and civil engineer, of Charleston, West Virginia, whose daughter, Ethel Marye Ruffner, died recently in Lexington.

By his second wife, Elizabeth Lyle, Captain William Lyle had, besides the eldest son, Samuel Woods Lyle of "Edgehill," three other sons, of whom two were lawyers in Missouri and Alabama respectively: William Alexander Lyle, who studied law at William and Mary, and died unmarried at the age of 26; and James Graham Lyle, Master of Arts of Washington College, who married Elvira Cabell McClung, and had a daughter Martha Ann Lyle, wife of Captain James L. Wills of

Louisa County, one of whose daughters married Rev. R. B. Eggleston, another marrying W. C. Boxley of Salem, and a third marrying John M. Flannagan of Louisa, whose son is Congressman John W. Flannagan.

The fourth son of Captain William Lyle and his second wife was the beloved and unique John Blair Lyle, singer in the choir and elder of Lexington Presbyterian Church, whose bookstore in Lexington was a social center in which often customers were bidden to take what they wished and themselves charge their purchases on the ledger, while the genial proprietor talked with other visitors, very often on religious subjects. With his deep Christian faith and lovable personality he exerted a profound influence, Stonewall Jackson's profession of faith being one of its results, and the General, then a young professor at Virginia Military Institute, being his friend and admirer.

Of the daughters of Captain William Lyle and his second wife, Martha married Archibald Graham, M.D., parents among others of Edward L. and John A. Graham, both Confederate soldiers and physicians; and Elizabeth married Rev. B. M. Hobson, but had no children.

Captain William Lyle was a son of the emigrant from North Ireland, Samuel Lyle, who followed to Virginia about 1750 three uncles who had emigrated some ten years earlier. He was an elder of Timber Ridge Church, trustee and treasurer of Liberty Hall Academy (later Washington College), and commissioner for purchase and forwarding of supplies to the Revolutionary army. His wife was Sarah McClung.

The second wife of Captain William Lyle, Elizabeth Lyle, was the daughter of James Lyle, a soldier of the Revolution, and his wife Hannah Alexander, and granddaughter of the emigrant Matthew Lyle and his wife Esther Blair. The Blair line has been traced to those heroes of Scottish history, William Wallace and Robert Bruce.

On his maternal side, John Hart Lyle is grandson of John Bear Gibson of "Maple Hall" and his wife Grace McKay Taylor, and descends from the Scotch and Scotch-Irish families of Laird, Hannah, McKay, Craig, and Robertson.

Mr. Lyle had three sisters, of whom Grace Taylor died unmarried, and Margaret Alexander and Annabel Preston married, respectively, William G. MacCorkle of Charleston, West Virginia, and Rev. William Twyman Williams of Woodstock, Va.

Mr. Lyle was educated at New Providence Aca-

demy, Hampden-Sydney College, and Washington and Lee University, graduating from the latter in 1909 with the degree of B.A. He was an efficient principal of high schools in Augusta and Prince Edward counties, but gave up teaching to reside at "Maple Hall" and engage in farming. He is a Mason, Pi Kappa Alpha, a Kiwanian, and a member of the national society of the Clan Campbell. He carries on the family tradition as elder in Timber Ridge Church, an office held by three generations of his Lyle ancestors.

LESLIE WILSON SYDNOR—From different ventures in the business world, Leslie Wilson Sydnor has come to his present occupation of cattle raising at "Windy Cave Farm," in Millboro Spring, where he raises registered Hereford cattle.

Mr. Sydnor was born April 15, 1887, in Millboro, son of William Oliver and Mary Shields (Wilson) Sydnor. His father was connected with the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company for more than fifty years.

Staunton schools provided Leslie Wilson Sydnor's early education, and afterward he attended Virginia Military Institute, where he was graduated in 1907. He taught for two years at Staunton High School, then entered the coal business in West Virginia in 1909. For twenty-five years he operated coal mines and coal sales companies. Then he entered the construction equipment business, in which he was engaged for ten years. It was after retiring from active business in 1945 that Mr. Sydnor came to Millboro Springs and started his present work in cattle breeding at "Windy Cave Farm." This farm was his mother's ancestral home.

In addition to his farm work, Mr. Sydnor takes a deep interest in the life of his community as a member of the Rotary Club, the Presbyterian Church and other organizations. He is affiliated with both York and Scottish Rite bodies of Masonry and is a member of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. During World War I, Mr. Sydnor was attached to the Bureau of Steam Engineering, Navy Department.

Leslie Wilson Sydnor married, April 24, 1920, in Charleston, West Virginia, Eva Deitz, daughter of Theodore Appleton and Nannie (Rhodes) Deitz.

N. O'NEAL MOSES—Over a period of many years, N. O'Neal Moses has been engaged in different types of business activities, serving since 1932 with the Robert E. Lee Hotel, as manager of

this hostelry and secretary-treasurer of the Robert E. Lee Hotel Corporation.

Mr. Moses was born April 2, 1891, in Chatham, Virginia, son of Rufus B. and Emma (Odineal) Moses. His father was engaged in the flour milling business in Chatham.

Chatham schools provided N. O'Neal Moses's early education, and he attended Chatham High School and the Warren Training School (now known as the Hargrave Military Academy), from which he was graduated in 1907. He then studied at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, Virginia, where he was graduated in 1912 as a Bachelor of Science in electrical engineering. From 1912 to 1914 he was a student engineer with the General Electric Company, in Schenectady, New York. In 1914 he entered the flour milling business with Moses Brothers in Lexington, Virginia, so continuing until 1926. From that year until 1932 he operated the Lee Highway Filling Station of which he was the owner. It was in 1932 that he entered the hotel business as manager of the Robert E. Lee Hotel.

As head of the hotel and secretary-treasurer of the operating corporation, Mr. Moses figures prominently in the business affairs of Lexington and this region of Virginia. He holds a high position in the ranks of hotel men, having been elected treasurer of the Virginia Hotel Association and a director of the Southern Hotel Association. He is also treasurer of the Shenandoah Valley, Inc. and the Lexington-Rockbridge Chamber of Commerce. He holds membership in the Lexington Rotary Club, the Presbyterian Church, and the Free and Accepted Masons. His Masonic affiliations are with the local lodge, the Royal Arch chapter, the Knights Templar commandery, and Kazim Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

N. O'Neal Moses is the father of four children: Norvelle Woody, Eleanor Hurst, Joan Bartlett and Robert Bradley Moses.

IVAN CHAMBERS — General farming operations have occupied much of the active career of Ivan Chambers, who has centered his activities in Cloverdale. His accomplishments have earned for him the warm admiration and affection of his fellow citizens in all walks of life, and he is widely respected and honored.

Mr. Chambers was born February 6, 1897, in Franklin County, Virginia, son of Samuel A. and Josephine (Meador) Chambers. His father was a farmer and sawmill operator in Franklin County.

Roanoke County public schools provided Ivan Chambers' early formal education, and early in his career he began devoting his attention concentratedly to agricultural pursuits. He was for twenty years the owner of the Cloverdale Mill, but, aside from his work in that connection, his major interest has been farming, chiefly in Roanoke County. His concern for the well-being of farmers throughout this region of the South has earned for him wide admiration and confidence, with the result that his influence in the Cloverdale community and district is extensive. He belongs to the Cloverdale Methodist Church.

Ivan Chambers married, December 24, 1918, in Staunton, Virginia, Deborah McAlexander, daughter of G. Osborne McAlexander. They became the parents of two children: 1. Clyde Ivan, born October 27, 1919. 2. Doris Mae, born August 13, 1927.

CHARLES ELMER EARMAN, JR.—As a lawyer, Charles Elmer Earman, Jr., has strived to serve the people and institutions of Harrisonburg and Rockingham County, faithfully and well.

Mr. Earman was born January 9, 1920, in Keezletown, near Harrisonburg, Virginia, son of Charles Elmer and Allye C. Earman. His father is engaged in the real estate business in Harrisonburg.

Harrisonburg public schools provided the early formal education of Charles Elmer Earman, Jr., who was graduated from high school in 1938. He had one year of study at Bridgewater College, then entered Virginia Polytechnic Institute, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1943. For his professional studies he entered Washington and Lee University, where he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1949. His studies were somewhat interrupted by his service in the armed forces during World War II. Entering the Army as a Corporal in 1943, upon completion of his under-graduate course, he had four years of service, and was honorably separated with the rank of Captain in 1947. He attended the Officers' Candidate School at Camp Davis, North Carolina, and was with the 104th Division while it was actively engaged in pursuance of the battle of the Rhineland, in Germany where he was wounded, and for three months thereafter was confined to an Army hospital in England. After the conclusion of hostilities, Captain Earman was with the Army of Occupation in Berlin.

Along with his present practice of law in Harrisonburg, Mr. Earman takes an interest in several organizations in his community, including the local

lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Harrisonburg Bar Association, and the Harrisonburg Methodist Church. He is also an active member of the United States Army Organized Reserve Corps, serving as a captain in the artillery.

Charles Elmer Earman, Jr., married, July 31, 1943, in Harrisonburg, Virginia, Jane Kaylor, daughter of Lewis Lupton and Ruth Kaylor. They became the parents of three children: 1. Ann Lupton, born March 18, 1947. 2. Charles Elmer III, born February 9, 1949. 3. Marilyn Elaine, born November 23, 1950.

THOMAS BLATT—Widely known as one of Harrisonburg's leading business men, Thomas Blatt conducts, with his father, two related enterprises—Blatt's Dry Cleaning and Dyeing Company, and Blatt's Fur Service.

Mr. Blatt was born September 11, 1911, in Harrisonburg, Virginia, son of Samuel and Sophia (Paul) Blatt. His father founded and now owns the Blatt's Cleaning and Dyeing Company and the Blatt's Fur Service.

Harrisonburg public schools provided Thomas Blatt's early education, and he was graduated from Harrisonburg High School in 1928. He then entered the University of Virginia, where he completed his studies in 1932 and received the degree of Bachelor of Science. After leaving college, he went into business in association with his father, becoming a partner in the business six years later, in 1938. Blatt's Fur Service cleans, repairs and remodels furs and operates a cold storage establishment for storage and protection of furs. The other branch of the Blatt business is dry cleaning and dyeing.

In addition to his work with his own company, Mr. Blatt takes a lively interest in the general affairs of his trade as a member of the National Association of Cleaners and Dyers. He is a member of the Phi Alpha fraternity, which he joined in his student days, and also belong to Hebrew Friendship Congregation, in Harrisonburg.

ROLLAND HAMILTON BERRY—As president of the Berry Lumber and Supply Company and of the Valley Builders, Inc., Mr. Berry has been associated with several real estate developments and has led in the construction of many buildings, commercial and residential. Along very different lines he has furthered the fame of his city and Rockingham County as the owner of

"Little Fields Farm," where he has bred, raised and trained a number of thoroughbred horses that have won laurels in the show rings of the country, from Madison Square Garden, New York City, to minor rings.

Born at Harrisonburg, Virginia, on October 25, 1913, Rolland Hamilton Berry is the son of Weldon W. and Myree (McFall) Berry. His father was one of the foremost public-spirited citizens of Harrisonburg. He was active in the Harrisonburg Rotary Club and with the larger groups of this organization. He was prominent in Chamber of Commerce affairs, and for many years served on the City Council, where he introduced and sponsored numerous progressive measures of unusual value to the municipality.

After being graduated from the Harrisonburg High School in 1931, Rolland Hamilton Berry, attended Davidson College, Davidson, North Carolina, for two years before entering Washington and Lee University at Lexington, Virginia, where he was graduated with the class of 1935, a Bachelor of Science in Commerce. In that same year he became associated with his father in what was then the Berry Coal and Lumber Company. This firm was founded by grandfather William F. Berry in 1907, and was joined by his son, Weldon W. Berry, in 1913, to become W. F. Berry and Son, dealers in coal and builders' supplies. W. F. Berry and Son had become the Berry Coal and Lumber Company in 1935, when Rolland Hamilton Berry joined this organization. In 1938 the firm was reorganized as the Berry Lumber & Supply Company and he became its head in 1941. He operates on a large scale as contractor and builder and furnishes all kinds of supplies. Along with his father, Rolland Hamilton Berry founded the Valley Builders, Inc., to cover the contracting and real estate end of the business, in 1941, and headed this firm as president. During the past fifteen years these two firms have been responsible for the construction of a large number of commercial structures and fine homes.

The name of Rolland Hamilton Berry has also gained wide popularity through his hobby, "Little Fields Farm," where he breeds, raises and trains thoroughbred horses for racing, hunting and for show purposes. He exhibits regularly and widely in show rings and has won a full share of prizes and blue ribbons, even in that top exhibit in the country, Madison Square Garden, New York City. Constantly to the fore in civic and public projects, he was, during World War II, identified with a government housing development, which built fifty houses for civilian workers in Norfolk, Virginia.

He is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and his college fraternity is Pi Kappa Alpha. He is a welcome figure in the Virginia Horse Breeders Association, is now president of the Glenwood Hunt Club Horse Show, Inc., and vice-president of the Glenwood Hunt Club and is an active member of the Lions Club. He attends the Methodist Episcopal Church in Harrisonburg.

Mr. Berry married, on January 14, 1940, at Washington, D. C., Miss Dorothy Egerton Smith and they are the parents of two children: 1. Roland Hamilton, Jr., born September 9, 1941. 2. Page Egerton, born May 27, 1943.

ISOLA CHADWELL PAXTON—A woman who has been prominently identified with a number of business ventures in Buena Vista, Virginia, Isola Chadwell Paxton has a reputation for a high quality of executive leadership. She heads the firm of W. T. Paxton and Company, general insurance agency, in which she was associated with her husband until the time of his death; and has also interested herself in another enterprise as owner of a beauty salon. A resident of Buena Vista since 1922, when she came to the community as a teacher, Mrs. Paxton has contributed notably to civic life through Red Cross work, as officer in women's organizations, and as vice-president of the Peoples Bank of her city.

A native of Coleman, Texas, she was born Isola Chadwell, and is a daughter of Ernest Howard and Pearl (Gann) Chadwell. Her father was a druggist in Coleman and her mother a school teacher. Mrs. Paxton attended San Marcos Academy in San Marcos in her native state, and Howard Payne College in Brownwood, Texas. She took further collegiate studies at the University of Texas in Austin and, completing her courses there in 1920, transferred her credits to the University of California at Berkeley, where in 1921 she received the degree of Bachelor of Arts.

In 1922 Isola Chadwell Paxton came to Buena Vista. Establishing her residence there in January of that year, she became a member of the faculty of Southern Seminary, primarily as a teacher of languages, Latin, French and Spanish, but also instructing in other subjects. Of recent years, Mrs. Paxton has resumed her teaching on a part-time basis, despite the scope and the demands of her business, civic and club activities.

In Lynchburg, Virginia, on June 15, 1923, she married Powell Lamar Paxton. A son of William Thomas and Charlotte (Powell) Paxton, he was

a native of the Buena Vista Area, born February 25, 1900, and graduated from the Virginia Military Institute with the degree of Electrical Engineer in 1921. He was a veteran of World War I. Mr. Paxton became electrical engineer with the Central Hudson Power and Electric Company and later associated himself with the Virginia Electric Power Company in Alexandria, as district manager. He next became an engineer with the L. E. Meyers Construction Company of Dallas, Texas. Finally Mr. Paxton entered the insurance business, as a member of the firm of W. T. Paxton and Company of Buena Vista, which had been founded by his father, William Thomas Paxton, in 1892. It was with this enterprise that he was associated at the time of his death on January 4, 1948. He was a charter member of Buena Vista Lions Club; was a member of the American Legion, Floyd Davidson Post; was vice-president and director of Sky Line League (Baseball); was vice-president of Peoples Bank; secretary and treasurer of the Buena Vista Realty Corporation and Green Hill Cemetery Company.

Mrs. Paxton had taken a vital part in the operation of the W. T. Paxton and Company insurance business during her husband's lifetime and at his death was capable of assuming full responsibility of its management. Since then their daughters, Mrs. Virginia (Paxton) Shugart and Miss Barbara Lamar Paxton have been identified with her in its operation. The general insurance agency has been most ably conducted by its present management, and has continued the high standards of public service associated with its name for nearly sixty years. It retains the familiar name of W. T. Paxton and Company.

A more recent enterprise of Mrs. Paxton is the proprietorship of Mildred's Beauty Shop in Buena Vista. In this undertaking as well, her business aptitudes have brought success. She is also vice-president and director of the Peoples Bank of Buena Vista.

Mrs. Paxton has ably served the cause of the American Red Cross as chairman of Volunteer Services and as production chairman of the Buena Vista Chapter, which office she has held since 1935. She is secretary and treasurer of the Mountain Council of Roanoke Veterans Hospital, is past president of the Buena Vista Women's Club, past president of Rockbridge County University Women's Club, and secretary-treasurer at the present time of the Buena Vista Merchants Association. She is also secretary-treasurer of the Buena Vista Baseball Team and member of the legislative com-



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mittee of the Virginia Conference of Social Work. During the past seven years this energetic woman has resumed the profession of teaching, on a part-time basis.

Powell Lamar and Isola Chadwell Paxton became the parents of two daughters: 1. Virginia Fontaine, who married E. A. Shugart; she was a graduate of the Medical College of Virginia. 2. Barbara Lamar, a graduate of the University of Texas.

PAUL TERRETTA—As executive vice-president of the O'Sullivan Rubber Corporation of Winchester, Virginia, Mr. Paul Terretta holds a top management position in a firm which is nationally known for its production of rubber heels and soles. Still a young man, Mr. Terretta has risen steadily through positions of increasing responsibility with the company. Since his return from army service during World War II, he has been successively chief engineer, plant manager, and vice-president in charge of production, before assuming his present office. Mr. Terretta is the type of young executive upon whom the industrial progress of the Shenandoah Valley in large measure depends.

He was born August 18, 1916, in Sussex County, Virginia, son of Sylvester E. and Mary (Landa) Terretta. Sylvester E. Terretta, now retired from active business, is a native of the Ukraine, and his wife was born in Kiev. During the period of Paul Terretta's youth the family resided in Stony Creek, Virginia, and there Mr. Terretta attended public school and graduated from the high school in the class of 1932. He then entered Virginia Polytechnic Institute to prepare himself in the technical field, and he graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering in the class of 1936.

Mr. Terretta's first business connection was with the Albermarle Paper Company of Richmond, Virginia, where he was employed in the capacity of laboratory technician. He joined the O'Sullivan Rubber Corporation as assistant chemist in January, 1937, and continued with the company in that capacity for a period of fifteen months, after which he was transferred to Hagerstown, Maryland, with the responsibility of organizing the operation of a reclaiming plant. His success in this assignment was notable, and he was charged with management of the Hagerstown plant until February, 1942.

At that time, Mr. Terretta enlisted in the United States Army, and was assigned to the Corps of Engineers. He was with a combat

group, the 36th Engineer Regiment, and participated in action in the African, Mediterranean and European areas, and, more specifically, in invasion landings in Morocco, Sicily, Salerno, Anzio, and southern France. He served in the European Theatre of Operations until March, 1945, at which time he was recalled for contract termination work with the United States Army and stationed with the District Engineers Office in New York City. This period of additional service terminated in December, 1945, at which time he was discharged with the rank of major. Thereafter Mr. Terretta returned to civilian life and to his responsible connections with the O'Sullivan Rubber Corporation.

He assumed, on his return with the company, the position of chief engineer, and was soon advanced to plant manager. He next became vice-president in charge of production, and is now executive vice-president, working with the recently elected president, Vincent A. Catozella (q.v.), in determining upper-level management policies. On the occasion of Mr. Catozella's election to the presidency and directorship of the O'Sullivan Rubber Corporation, he succeeded R. J. Funkhouser, who is now chairman of the board. Mr. Terretta is responsible for operations at Winchester.

As one of the more influential of the executives and business leaders of his area, Mr. Terretta plays a considerable part in civic affairs, and in matters relating to industry. He is a member of the Winchester Chamber of Commerce, and a director of the Valley Manufacturers Association. He is also a member of the Winchester Country Club. In his political views, Mr. Terretta is an independent.

In Hagerstown, Maryland, October 22, 1939, Paul Terretta married Janice Mullenix, a native of that city and daughter of Lewis and Kitty (Trovinger) Mullenix, both of Hagerstown. Mr. and Mrs. Terretta are the parents of two children: 1. Carolyn Marie, born in Hagerstown, August 10, 1940. 2. Dorothea Ann, born in Winchester, May 20, 1947. The Terretta family resides on National Avenue, Winchester.

VINCENT ALBERT CATOZELLA—The company producing the rubber heels and soles which are probably the best-known products in their line throughout the United States is the O'Sullivan Rubber Corporation, whose headquarters are in Winchester, Virginia. President of this company is Vincent Albert Catozella, who came with

the firm after extensive experience in banking, research and underwriting, Mr. Catozella also served as an army officer during World War II. He is prominent in club affiliations in Virginia, Washington, D. C., and New York.

Son of Joseph and Anna (Roberto) Catozella, Vincent A. Catozella was born in New York City, July 21, 1907. His father was a fur designer, connected with Revillon Freres, Nelson-Hickson, and others, and is now deceased. The family resided in Yonkers at the time Vincent A. Catozella began his public schooling, and after graduation from high school there, he entered Colgate University, where he majored in mathematics, and remained in residence for two years. He then transferred to New York University, where he studied aeronautical engineering for one year; and he has also studied accounting and economics at the American Institute of Banking.

With this educational preparation, Mr. Catozella associated himself with the First National Bank of Yonkers, where he remained for four years, advancing to the position of assistant branch manager. He thereafter spent seven years with the New York investment firm of Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner and Beane, holding the position of director of research at the time of terminating this connection. He was then for seven years associated with Reynolds and Company, in underwriting and investment banking.

In October, 1949 Mr. Catozella assumed the presidency of the O'Sullivan Rubber Corporation, with offices at the firm's headquarters in Winchester.

During World War II, Mr. Catozella served in North Africa and with the Fifth Army, under General Mark Clark, in Italy, and later with the United States forces in Austria. Throughout his army career, he was Military Government Finance Officer, retaining the rank of Major, Officers Reserve Corps.

Mr. Catozella is a member of the Army and Navy Country Club of Arlington, Virginia; the Hudson River Country Club, of Yonkers, New York; the Colgate University Club, of New York City; the Congressional Country Club and the Touchdown Club, both of Washington, D. C.; and the Winchester Golf Club, Inc., of Winchester, Virginia. He is a communicant of the Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church of Yonkers, New York.

Vincent A. Catozella is unmarried. He makes his home in Ranson, West Virginia.

PEACHY LAWSON HOCKMAN — Identified with the O'Sullivan Rubber Corporation of Winchester, Virginia, since 1934, Peachy Lawson Hockman is now secretary-treasurer of that nationally known firm, which manufactures rubber composition heels and soles and plastic vinyl sheeting and film. He is also an official in a number of other important manufacturing and investment firms, and has exerted a considerable influence in political affairs.

Born July 3, 1914, in Bartonsville, Virginia, Mr. Hockman is a son of Lawson Lucas and Robertha Katherine (Crisman) Hockman. His father was successfully engaged in a variety of occupations, being a farmer, miller and orchardist, as well as engaging in real estate operations. Peachy Lawson Hockman attended school through the first three grades in the John Kerr School in Winchester, Virginia, and completed his secondary studies in the Handley High School in that city. For one year he was a student at the University of Richmond in Richmond, Virginia.

From June, 1933, to November, 1934, Mr. Hockman held various positions, including the selling of groceries, produce, hay, grain, feed, and gasoline and oil, and door-to-door canvassing of photography and Real Silk products. He also engaged in the retailing of produce, both through farmers' market and trucking. His connection with the O'Sullivan Rubber Corporation began in November, 1934, when he accepted a position as general clerk with the Winchester office of the firm. His business abilities soon earned him promotion to bookkeeper, and his rise thereafter to positions of increasing responsibility was steady. He became accountant, assistant treasurer, assistant secretary and comptroller, by successive promotions, and has for some years held the office of secretary-treasurer.

Mr. Hockman's thorough knowledge of business procedures has made him much sought in other corporate connections. From April, 1948, to the present he has been connected with the firm of Laing, Harrar and Chamberlin, Inc., of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as secretary, assistant treasurer and director. This is a firm of manufacturers' agents and wholesale distributors. He is also secretary-treasurer of Funkhouser Industries, Inc., a firm whose interests include investments and banking, farming, groceries, clothing, drugs, theatres, and real estate. Mr. Hockman has held office in this firm since July 1, 1949. On the same date he became secretary-treasurer of The R. J. Funkhouser Foundation, Inc., of Ranson, West Virginia. Another official connection which

he has retained since September 1, 1949, is that of secretary-treasurer and director of The Maryland Corporation, manufacturers' agents for foam rubber products, furniture, and other items. Since June 1, 1949, he has been trust officer of the Blakeley Bank and Trust Company, of Ranson, and he was a director of this banking institution from June 1 to September, 1949.

Mr. Hockman is a member of the Comptrollers Institute of America, under the district control of Washington, D. C. He is a past director of that organization. He is a member, and past treasurer and director of the Junior Chamber of Commerce of Winchester, Virginia, and a member of the Chamber of Commerce of Winchester.

A Republican in his politics, Mr. Hockman has taken an active and significant part in that party's program. He has been a member of the executive committee of Winchester for seven years; has served as a delegate to state and national Republican conventions; and is past president of the Young Republican Federation of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Fraternally, Mr. Hockman is affiliated with the McFadden Lodge, Royal Arcanum, of which he is past Regent. He has held several offices in the state organization of the Royal Arcanum. He is a member of the Winchester Golf Club, and a communicant of the Church of Christ.

At Harrisonburg, Virginia, June 8, 1936, Peachy Lawson Hockman married Belle Hunter Krieger, daughter of Carl George and Belle Hunter (Brooks) Krieger. Mr. and Mrs. Hockman, who make their home on Amherst Street, Winchester, are the parents of two children: 1. Barbara Brooks, born February 7, 1940. 2. Lawson Lucas, who was born January 6, 1942. Mrs. Hockman and the children attend the Episcopal Church.

ROBERT BRITTINGHAM GROVE, of Winchester, has spent all the years of his business career with the O'Sullivan Rubber Corporation. He now holds the office of assistant to the president, and as such plays a vital part in the management of the company's affairs. His steady advance within the framework of the company's executive offices is evidence of his earnest devotion to his work and his qualities of business leadership. He is active in Chamber of Commerce affairs.

Mr. Grove is a man who has found a rewarding career in the city of his birth, for he is a native of Winchester, where he was born December 16, 1913, son of William Breckinridge and Bessie

Elizabeth (Brittingham) Grove. William B. Grove followed a successful career as merchant in Winchester. In that city, Robert B. Grove completed his education, being a graduate of the John Handley High School, class of 1932.

From December of that year to the present time, Mr. Grove has been identified with the O'Sullivan Rubber Corporation. His first position was that of secretary to the production manager, from which he advanced to assume the responsibilities of assistant production manager. Successive promotions followed, and during the ensuing years he became production manager, assistant superintendent, assistant plant manager and assistant general sales manager. When R. J. Funkhouser resigned the presidency to become chairman of the board, Mr. Grove assumed the office of assistant to the president, which he holds to the present time.

Mr. Grove is a Republican in his political views, and is active in the work of the Junior Chamber of Commerce. He is a member of the First Baptist Church of Winchester.

In his native city, on June 2, 1934, Robert Brittingham Grove married Madeline Miller, daughter of Samuel Godfrey and Bessie Lee (Snapp) Miller. Mr. and Mrs. Grove are the parents of a daughter, Judith Vincent, who was born August 10, 1937.

ALBERT CALVIN HALVOSA—Vice-president of the O'Sullivan Rubber Corporation, Albert Calvin Halvosa is a well-known business leader of Winchester. For many years he has been identified with this concern, which manufactures rubber composition soles and heels, and plastic products, and which is an important factor in the industrial picture throughout the Shenandoah Valley. A veteran of World War I, Mr. Halvosa is influential in veterans' organizations.

He was born, March 6, 1903, in Kittery, Maine, son of Albert and Minnette (Blydenberg) Halvosa. His father, a stone mason by trade, served in the United States Marines during the Spanish-American War, and in the Engineer Corps of the Canadian Army during World War I, in which conflict his son was also engaged. Some years after completing his grammar school education, Albert Calvin Halvosa entered night school at Benjamin Institute, a school of accounting in Washington, D. C., from which he was graduated in 1928 with the degree of Bachelor of Commercial Science. Thus prepared for a career in business, he accepted in that year a position as bookkeeper with the Victor Products Corpora-

tion, being promoted to the post of treasurer during his tenure of service with that company.

Mr. Halvosa came with the O'Sullivan Rubber Corporation in Winchester in the executive post of secretary-treasurer, which position is now held by Mr. Peachy Lawson Hockman (q.v.). Mr. Halvosa was promoted some time ago to the vice-presidency.

During World War I, he served as sapper with the Corps of Engineers, Canadian Army, being assigned to Company I of the Fourth Regiment throughout his period of duty, 1917-1918. Mr. Halvosa has remained active in veterans' groups. He is past commander of his post of the American Legion, and belongs also to the Forty and Eight. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a communicant of the Methodist Church.

In Baltimore, Maryland, August 16, 1930, Albert Calvin Halvosa married Margaret Eleanor Hughes, daughter of George Edward and Mary Louisa (Dutrow) Hughes. Mr. and Mrs. Halvosa have two children: 1. Elizabeth Anne, born May 8, 1931. 2. George Edward Albert, born December 20, 1937.

THE O'SULLIVAN RUBBER CORPORATION, which manufactures the famous O'Sullivan Rubber Heel, is one of the most important single industrial units of the Shenandoah Valley. Its foremost product is known nationwide as "America's No. 1 Heel;" but the company does not rest upon its achievements. It is today pioneering in the plastics field, and producing many skillfully designed products for everyday use. Its plant, and principal offices, are located on the southern outskirts of Winchester, Virginia; and a number of the executive officers of the O'Sullivan Rubber Corporation, who have proved themselves valuable citizens of that community, are represented by individual biographical sketches in this work on the Shenandoah Valley.

The corporation is the outgrowth of a business founded in 1896 by Humphrey O'Sullivan, the inventor of the rubber heel. The manufacture of O'Sullivan products at the Winchester location commenced in 1932 in a building formerly used in the manufacture of chairs.

Originally, the plant contained approximately thirty-two thousand square feet. Indicative of the extent of growth of its volume of business is the fact that today its plant contains approximately one hundred and thirty-five thousand square feet.

The corporation employs approximately five hundred people, both in Winchester and other lo-

cations. All O'Sullivan products are manufactured at the Winchester plant, but the sales organization is spread throughout the country, giving its products complete national distribution.

In addition to the heels and soles for which the company has become so widely known, and other moulded rubber products, the O'Sullivan Rubber Corporation today produces plastic films and sheetings for the handbag, upholstery, floor covering and shoe manufacturing fields.

WILLIAM OLIVER GROVE—As purchasing agent of the O'Sullivan Rubber Corporation, in Winchester, William Oliver Grove occupies a position of importance and distinction of this region of Virginia and the Shenandoah Valley.

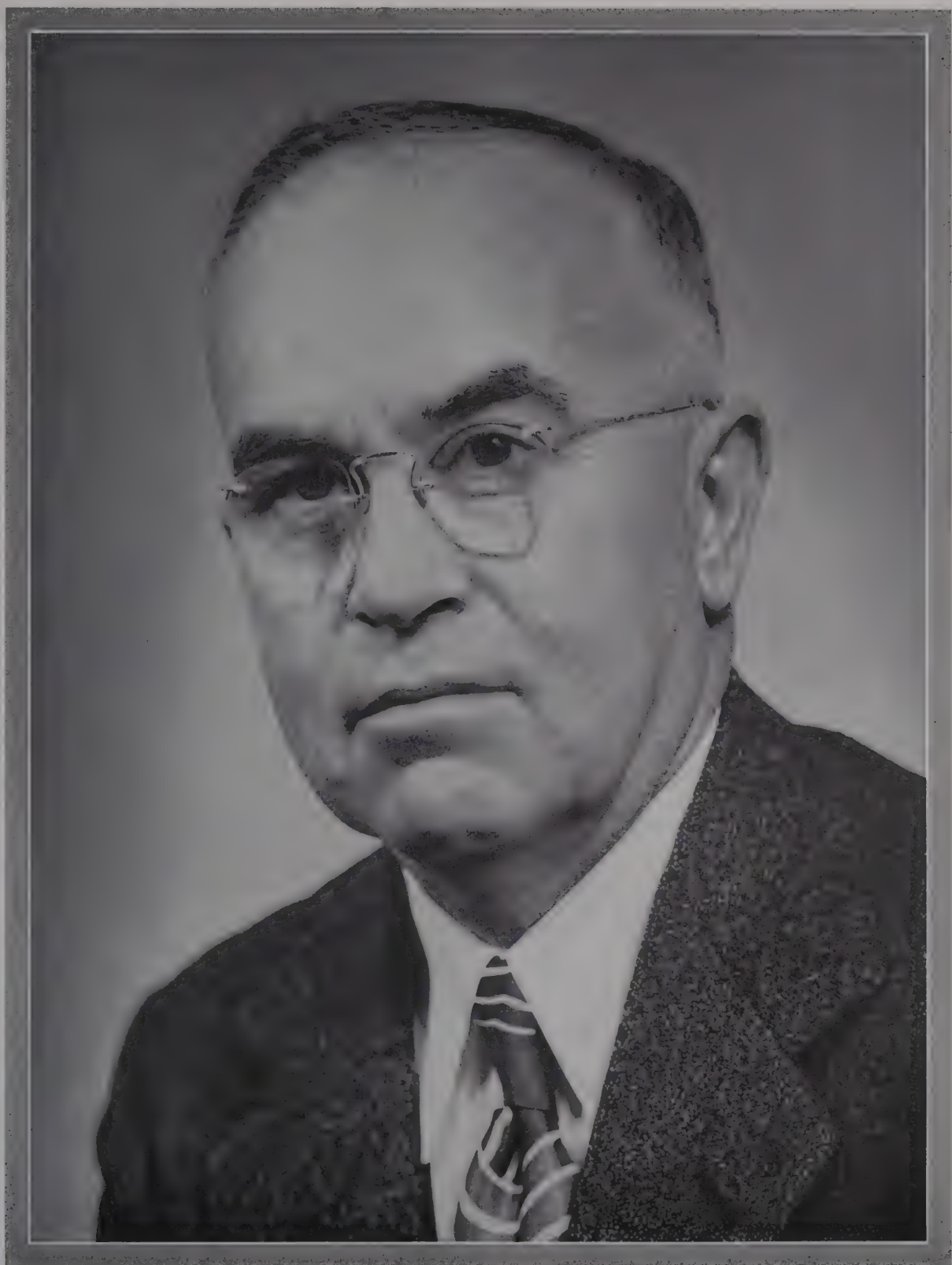
Mr. Grove was born in Winchester, Virginia, January 31, 1912, son of William Breckinridge and Bessie (Brittingham) Grove. His father was a merchant in this city. A brother of William Oliver Grove, Robert B. Grove (q.v.), is assistant to the chairman of the board of the O'Sullivan Rubber Corporation.

William Oliver Grove was graduated from John Handley High School in June, 1930, then attended the University of Richmond for two years. He was employed by local stores and industries until he became associated with the O'Sullivan Rubber Corporation in July, 1933. He was first employed in the production department, then worked as receiving clerk, assistant chemist, assistant shipping clerk, assistant production manager and production manager. He was elevated to his present position as purchasing agent in 1943.

Mr. Grove's club affiliations include the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Winchester Golf Club, Incorporated. He is a member of the First Baptist Church of Winchester. He has been active in Republican politics, having held offices as vice-president and president of the Winchester Republican Club, and in 1949 was state secretary of the Young Republican Federation of Virginia.

He is unmarried. He and his mother live at No. 320 Miller Street, Winchester.

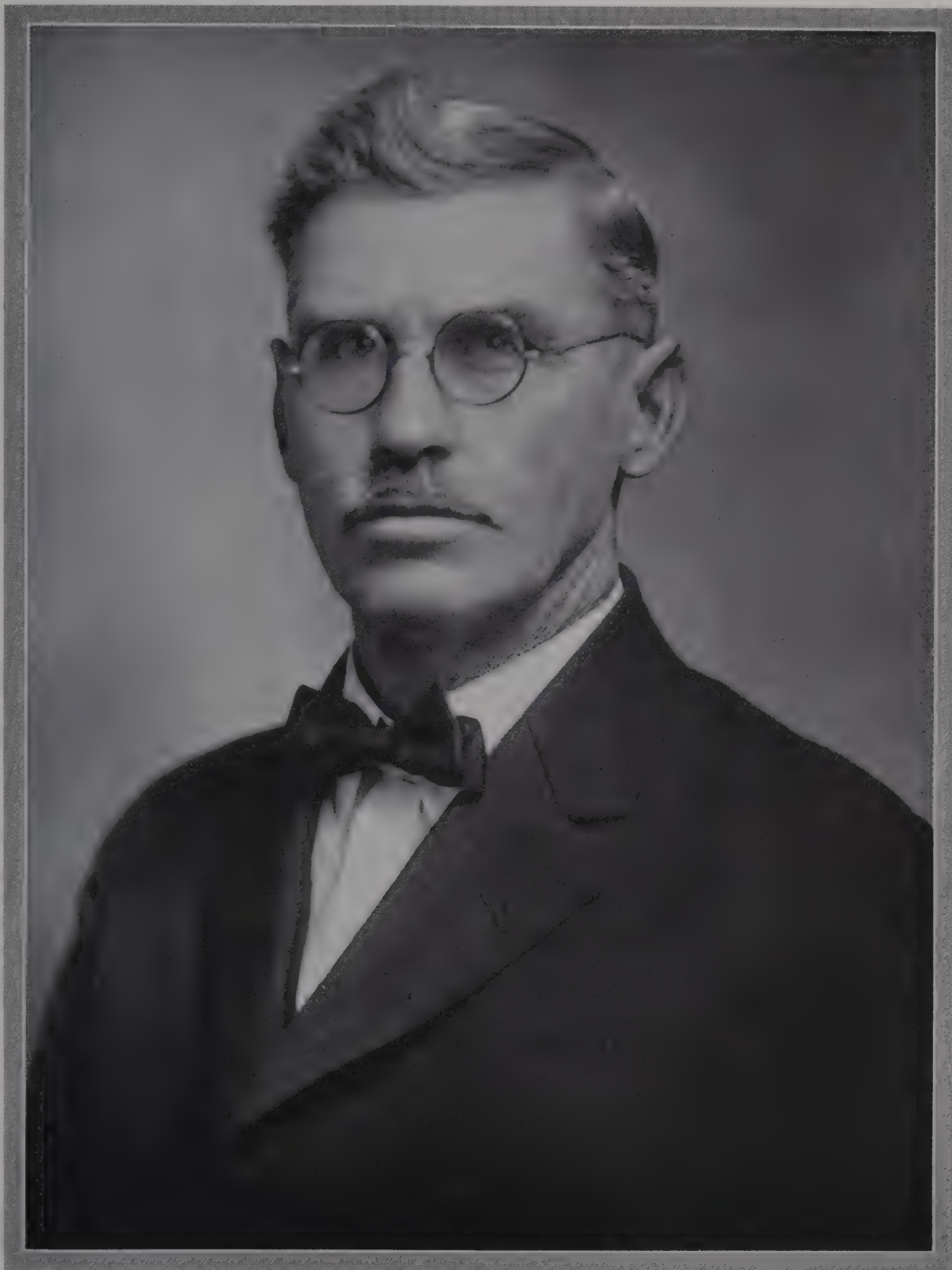
EDWARD HOLMES STOKES—Since the World War I period, Edward Holmes Stokes has been prominent in his city of Front Royal as founder and head of the Stokes Furniture Company. For a like period he has been identified with realty and construction interests. His civic endeavors have combined with his purposeful efforts



E. H. Stokes



JAMES W. STOKES



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in commercial fields to make his a career of great value to his community.

Mr. Stokes is descended from Revolutionary ancestors, and his great-great-grandfather, Samuel Stokes, was a soldier in the Continental Army, serving with a company from Orange County. It is in that county that we find record of this branch of the Stokes family, in 1756. Twenty years later, a William Stokes appeared as a witness before the county court in Woodstock; and in 1795 Samuel Stokes was appointed road overseer from Chester's Gap to Hands Ferry, a position of considerable importance in those times. Charles W. Carson, local historian, to whom we are obliged through his articles in the "Warren Sentinel" for the foregoing facts on the Stokes family, thus continues his account of their wartime record:

In the War Between the States they did their part. Joseph Stokes of the "Warren Rifles," 17th Infantry, was killed in action. In the "Warren Blues," 49th Infantry, were James W. Stokes, John Stokes and Richard B. Stokes; the latter was killed in action. In Company I of the 12th Virginia Cavalry, Charles and I. N. Stokes rode as troopers. The "Stokes Boys" of 1862-65, certainly did their bit for the Confederacy.

Born in Warren County near Front Royal, May 3, 1892, Edward Holmes Stokes is a son of Robert Jackson and Sally Belle (Steed) Stokes and was a member of a family of eight children. The others were: Fillie F. (Stokes) Corron, Claude A. Stokes, R. Hillard Stokes, J. Bryan Stokes, Lennis B. (Stokes) Burke, Alvin B. Stokes and Aubrey A. Stokes. His father was born in Warren County, September 23, 1865 and died at Front Royal, December 30, 1943. He was a farmer by occupation, a Democrat in his politics, and served on the School board, County Board of Supervisors and various other local offices, political and otherwise, throughout his lifetime. He held office as county supervisor in 1890.

At the time the first steel bridges were built across the Shenandoah River, both north and south branches, James William Stokes, father of Robert Jackson Stokes, was a veteran of the War Between the States, whose record is referred to in the above quoted account. In addition to Robert Jackson Stokes, James William Stokes was the father of six other children, two daughters; Martha and Ella Lee, and four sons; Thomas J., James I., W. Franklin, and Samuel S.

The former Sally Belle Steed, daughter of James M. Steed and wife of Robert Jackson Stokes, was, like her husband, a native of Warren County,

where she was born September 12, 1865. She died in Front Royal, September 5, 1924.

Many years ago, in a newspaper listing of "Things difficult to find" in Front Royal, there was included the item: "A Stokes without a store, and a store without a Stokes." Despite the area's growth in population, such a circumstance remains rare. Edward H. Stokes' brothers, as well as he himself, have been consistently successful in commercial enterprises of a great variety. J. Bryan Stokes successfully engaged in the retail grocery business in his youth, and continued until the time of his death in 1942. Claude Augustine Stokes was the eldest son of Robert Jackson Stokes and Sallie Belle (Steed) Stokes, and was born in Warren County on November 1, 1889. He died in Front Royal, May 18, 1948. He attended grammar and high school in Front Royal, and completed a course with the Pace & Pace Institute of Accountancy, New York. In his early manhood he became associated with the Riverton Lime and Stone Company and continued with that company as a member of the board of directors, as vice-president and treasurer, until his death.

Aubrey Stokes and Alvin Stokes operate a fleet of trucks conspicuous in the transportation picture in the Valley, as well as being very active in real estate, mercantile and other local projects.

Hillard Stokes has been remarkably successful in poultry production, having operated one of the largest and most successful plants of its kind in the State for a number of years. This plant is located on what was a part of the farm of the ancestral Stokes estate.

In his early years, Edward H. Stokes attended the rural schools of Warren County, and grammar and high schools in Front Royal. He launched himself in the mercantile business in Front Royal in 1918. His early efforts at making a start were thus described in the columns of the "Warren Sentinel":

It took "Ed" Stokes from 1911, when he started with \$17.00, until 1918, to accumulate \$1,700.00, and in the latter year he crossed his Rubicon, which was South River, moved into Front Royal and entered the mercantile field.

From this general merchandising enterprise, his furniture company grew, the line of home furnishings first making their appearance in 1921. About 1918 he entered the construction field, devoting particular attention to the building of individual residences. He purchased and remodeled several business properties in the business section of Front Royal, and is today the owner of about one hun-

dred and twenty-five properties, most of which he rents. These include residences, apartment buildings, commercial buildings, professional offices, shops and stores.

In 1927 he joined in the formation of the undertaking establishment of Stokes and Scott, for this purpose purchasing the old Gideon Jones mansion on Chester Street. As his furniture business grew, and he came to concentrate more and more in this line, which is the basis of the present Stokes Furniture Company, he purchased and remodeled the Garrison Drug Store building. In 1938 he bought and rebuilt the entire Naylor Block, in which are contained an annex of his enterprise, six stores and twenty-three apartments. The part he has played in the commercial development of Front Royal in recent years is indicated by these important undertakings.

Mr. Stokes has also rendered valued public service as a member of the town council, having served as a member of this group from 1926 to 1938. He was accounted as one of the progressives in that group. He is now a member of the board of supervisors of Warren County, representing the Front Royal District. He is also a member of the Chamber of Commerce, and is a past member of the Rotary and the Lions, of both of which organizations in Front Royal he was a charter member. Fraternally, Mr. Stokes is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He belongs to the Front Royal Recreation Association and is a member of the board of trustees of the Methodist Church.

A more recent business connection of Edward H. Stokes is directorship of the Sky Park Broadcasting Company. Perhaps the single endeavor for which he has won the most acclaim from his fellow citizens is his purchase of the present hospital, called the Front Royal Community Hospital. He was thus responsible for assuring the community of the facilities of such an institution. His public spirit dictated its purchase, even at a considerable financial loss to himself. He is also president of the new Warren Memorial Hospital, now reaching completion. He has served this board for several years, and was largely instrumental in the raising of sufficient funds to make this project possible. His vast energies are not exhausted by these activities, and he finds, in addition, a productive and worth-while avocation in farming. He is the operator of two farms totaling two hundred acres, located in Warren County, has fifty head of cattle, and devotes his acreage to the production of grain and hay and to pasturage.

Mr. Stokes' wife, Lucille (Walker) Stokes, is the daughter of the late Dr. Emmitt E. and Elizabeth Walker of Appomatox County, Virginia.

Edward Holmes Stokes has two daughters by a former marriage; Louise Virginia (Stokes) Skelly and Mary Kathleen (Stokes) Compton.

DR. JOHN R. EVERETT has brought extensive experience as an educator, as a writer on religious and educational subjects, and as a member of important national committees, to his present post as president of Hollins College. He took office on April 16, 1951, as a young man who gave promise of filling, in dynamic fashion, one of the most important posts in educational administration in the Shenandoah Valley area.

Born December 27, 1918, in Portland, Oregon, Dr. John R. Everett is a son of Monroe G. and Margaret M. (Johnson) Everett. His father is president emeritus of Trinity University, San Antonio, Texas, and his mother is a native of Portland, Oregon. The college president began his own education at Friends Select School in Philadelphia and later attended Haverford School and Mercersburg Academy in the same state. He next entered Park College, near Kansas City, Missouri, from which he graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1942, having majored in economics. He continued the study of economics during the following year at Columbia University, receiving his degree of Master of Arts at the end of his course. He also holds the degrees of Bachelor of Divinity from Union Theological Seminary (1944), and Doctor of Philosophy from Columbia University (1945). He majored in ethics at Union, and in philosophy at Columbia. Dr. Everett has also attended classes in economics, mathematics and philosophy at the University of Pennsylvania, and in economics at Temple University.

Dr. Everett's record of occupational experience began in 1938, before he had entered upon his college studies. He was at that time desk clerk at the Hotel Washington, a summer hotel at Spring Lake, New Jersey. He was manager of the Hotel Washington during the summers of 1939, 1940 and 1941. On graduation from Park College, in 1942, he went with the firm of E. I. duPont de Nemours in Philadelphia, doing war work as a chemist during the summer. He next became director of the Young Men's Christian Association branch of the United Service Organizations at the 23rd Street Unit in New York City, and this position he held during 1943 and 1944.

Dr. Everett was assistant in philosophy of religion at Union Theological Seminary in New York in 1944-1945. He had joined the faculty of Columbia University in 1943 as instructor in philosophy, and held this position concurrently until 1945. In the latter year, he became assistant professor of philosophy at Wesleyan University in Middletown, Connecticut. He returned to Columbia in 1948 as assistant professor of philosophy, and was promoted to an associate professorship in 1950. From 1948 to 1950, he was chairman of the department of philosophy of Columbia's School of General Studies. Concurrently with his educational appointments, Dr. Everett was, during 1949-1950, director of research for Fred Smith and Company, a public relations firm in New York City.

In July, 1950, Dr. Everett was elected president of Hollins College, and inauguration ceremonies took place April 15 and 16, 1951.

Dr. Everett has held the following positions on educational boards, commissions, committees and societies: chairman, Connecticut State Research Council from 1946 to 1949; chairman, Humanities Courses, Wesleyan University, 1946-48; member, Committee to Revise Contemporary Civilization Course, Columbia College, 1944-1945; member and secretary, Commission on Graduate Education, National Council on Religion in Higher Education, 1947; member, Committee to Award Fellowships, National Council on Religion in Higher Education, 1945, 1946, 1947; member, Special Senate Investigating Committee on Education (Connecticut), 1945-1946; consultant, Commission on Education (Connecticut), 1949. Dr. Everett has been book editor for the "Journal of Philosophy" since 1945, and is the author of the following publications: "Religion in Economics," published by King's Crown Press, New York, in 1946; "Religion in Human Experience," Henry Holt, New York, 1950; "Readings in Contemporary Civilization" (co-author), published by Columbia University Press in 1947; chapter on religious bias for "Analysis of American Text Books," published by the National Education Association in Washington, D. C., 1948; article on religion in the forthcoming revision of *Encyclopedia Americana*; chapter entitled "World Religions in the Building of Peace" for a book published in May, 1951, by Harper Brothers under the title "Education for a World Society"; articles and reviews appearing at various times in "The American Scholar," "Journal of Philosophy," "Review of Religion," "Christianity and Society," "Social Progress," "Labor and Nation"; article entitled "The Liberal Arts—What

Good Are They?" appearing in the May, 1951, issue of "Bulletin of the Association of American Colleges."

Dr. Everett is a fellow of the National Council on Religion in Higher Education, having been elected to that status in 1944. He is a member of the American Philosophical Association, and is a communicant of the Presbyterian Church. On January 20, 1951, Dr. Everett was selected by the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce as one of Ten Outstanding Young Men of the Year 1950.

At Oxford, Connecticut, on June 14, 1942, Dr. John R. Everett married Elizabeth Sloan, daughter of William Ledbetter and Eunice (Bresinick) Sloan. To their marriage a daughter, Margaret Elizabeth, was born on September 18, 1947.

WILBUR FITZGERALD TROUT—Engaged in a practice of law in Front Royal since 1931, Wilbur Fitzgerald Trout is recognized as one of this community's leaders. He was born October 16, 1883, at Front Royal, son of Wilbur A. and Mary R. (Hall) Trout. The family is an old one in this state, the Trouts having been among the first settlers at Front Royal.

Wilbur Fitzgerald Trout attended Warren County schools through the high school grades, and studied at Eastern College, where he was graduated in 1908. He then became a student at Strayer Business College in Washington, D. C., and in 1910 received his Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of Maryland. From 1910 to 1912, he was associated with the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company in Chicago, later continuing with the same company in Baltimore, Maryland, from 1912 to 1917. Between 1919 and 1930, he was active in the work of the Play Ground and Recreation Association of America with offices in New York City as organizer on a nationwide basis and as a lecturer. In 1931 he began his practice of law from his independent office in Front Royal.

Mr. Trout is a member of the Virginia State Bar and integrated associations, the Loyal Order of Moose, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. A staunch Democrat, he is one of his party's county committee. During World War I, he was associated with the military intelligence service in a civilian capacity. He is a member of the Methodist Church.

Wilbur F. Trout married in June, 1916, in Maryland, Pauline H. Maynard. They became the parents of a daughter, June Maynard Trout, born June 12, 1918, who attended Warren County High

School and Mary Baldwin College. She became the wife of Lawrence Payton Harris, a graduate of the University of Virginia, who served during World War II in the Pacific Theater of Operations and in the Chinese area, and is now a major in the Marine Corps. Major and Mrs. Harris are the parents of two children, Lawrence Payton Harris, Jr., and Shirley Harris.

STUART LEE GRANT—City manager of Winchester, serving most ably since 1939, Stuart Lee Grant is a native of the city with which his entire career thus far has been identified. He has a thorough background of experience in public service, and the affairs of Winchester have progressed steadily under his administrative hand.

Born January 15, 1907, Mr. Grant is a son of Stuart Charles and Margaret (Braithwaite) Grant. His father died in 1911, and Margaret B. Grant, surviving him by many years, passed away in 1948. Stuart Lee Grant completed his education in the Handley High School in Winchester, graduating in the class of 1925.

Mr. Grant's first business association was with the Virginia Woolen Company in Winchester, where he remained for two years. He then passed an equal period in electrical work and the sale of electrical appliances. Since 1930, Mr. Grant has been associated with the city government of Winchester. His first work in this connection was in the water department, in which he started as a meter reader. From 1931 through 1939, he continued as superintendent of the water department. With this experience to his credit, he was a logical choice for the office of city manager, to which he was appointed in March, 1939. He also serves the city as purchasing agent.

Mr. Grant is a member of the International City Managers Association, the American Water Works Association, and the Virginia Industrial and Sewerage Works Association. He is a charter member of the Exchange Club in Winchester, and is fraternally affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. In his politics, Mr. Grant is a Democrat, and he is a communicant of the Methodist Church.

At Hagerstown, Maryland, December 24, 1927, Stuart Lee Grant married Lucille Clevenger of Winchester, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Clevenger. They are the parents of two daughters: 1. Virginia Lee, who was born November 20, 1928. She graduated from Winchester High School, and attended Madison College. 2. Katherine Louise,

born March 14, 1931, also a graduate of Winchester High School. She was married, in July, 1949, to J. P. Carbaugh of Stephens City, Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant make their home at 36 Gray Avenue in Winchester, and Mr. Grant's offices are in the City Hall.

ISAAC ERNEST BOONE is vice-president of Thurman & Boone Company, Inc., engaged in wholesaling and retailing furniture in Roanoke. The firm is of long standing, and has won and retained the custom and friendship of large numbers of the city's residents. Mr. Boone has been with the company since it acquired its present designation in 1905, and he is regarded as one of Roanoke's commercial leaders.

A native of Boone's Mill, Franklin County, Isaac E. Boone was born on March 10, 1864, the son of Isaac Harold and Mary Stephens (Wade) Boone. His father, a native of Franklin County, was born in 1810, and died in July, 1886. He followed the occupation of farmer and was a Democrat in his politics. His wife, the former Mary Stephens Wade, was born in Bedford County, Virginia, in 1825, and died on April 25, 1904.

After completing his courses in the public schools of Roanoke, Isaac E. Boone attended National Normal University at Lebanon, Ohio, where he completed the general course in 1887. After some years in other business connections, he joined with Edgar A. Thurman (q.v.) in forming Thurman and Boone Company, Inc., furniture dealers, in Roanoke. Mr. Boone had been in the employ of the predecessor firm from April 1, 1903.

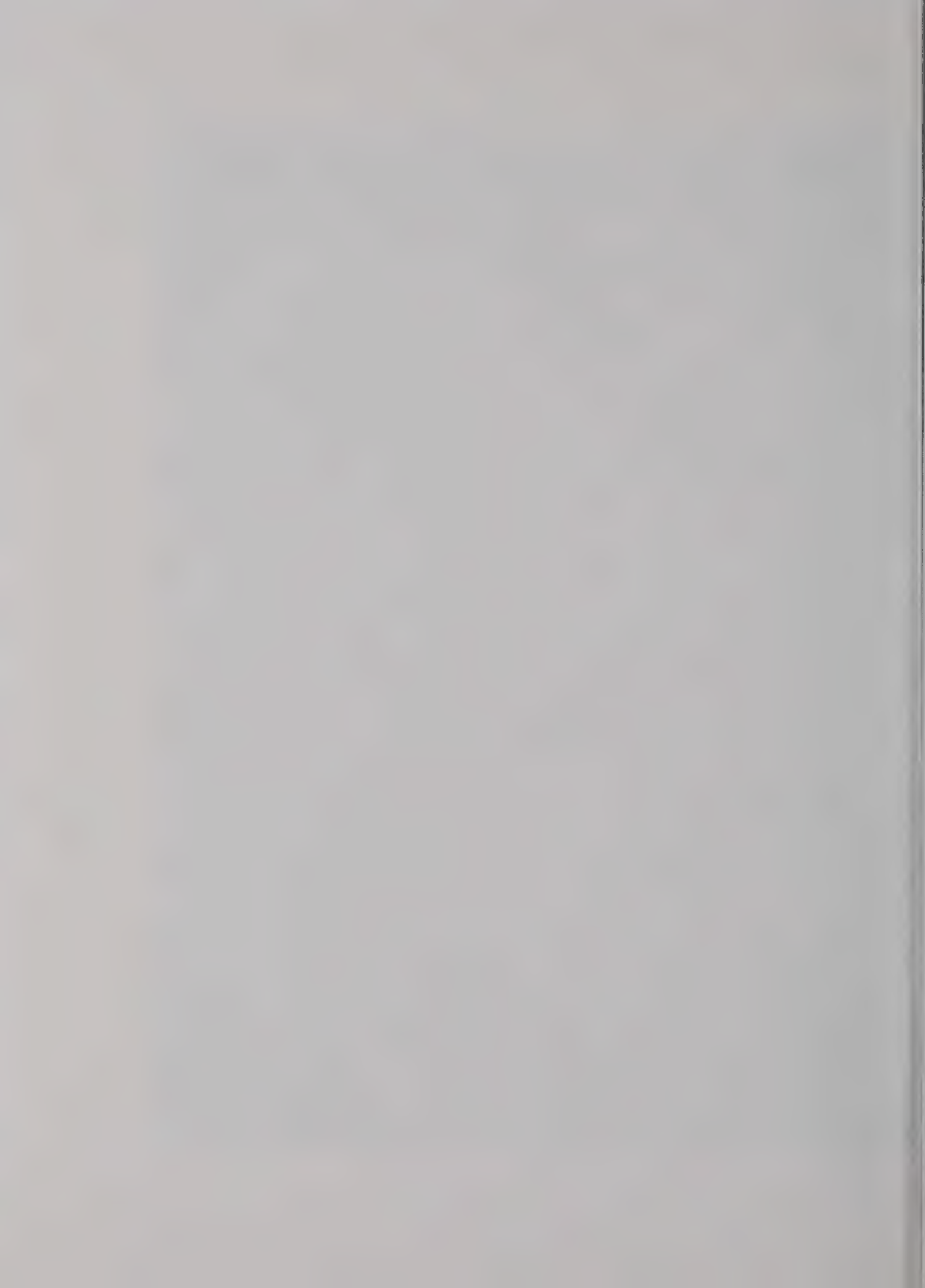
In his politics, Mr. Boone is a Democrat. He is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias, the Commercial Travelers, the Roanoke Chamber of Commerce, and the Fatima Guild. A Baptist in his religious faith, he serves as deacon in the First Church of that denomination in Roanoke.

In Montgomery County, Virginia, May 3, 1893, Isaac Ernest Boone married Alberta Sublette, a native of that county and the daughter of Major James H. and Alean (Chamblain) Sublette; also of Montgomery County. There are no children.

RICHARD H. CLEMMER—The Rife-Loth Corp. is a tripartite enterprise located in Waynesboro. Its component organizations are the Rife Ram and Pump Works Division, The W. J. Loth Stove Company Division, and the Virginia Metalcrafters Division. This latter aspect of the opera-



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tions of the company is a creative enterprise headed by Richard H. Clemmer. A man of foresight and ingenuity, as well as administrative gifts, he saw in the creation of unusual metalwork gifts a useful outlet for the corporation's production of metals.

The Rife-Loth Corp. traces its origin to The W. J. Loth Stove Company, which still exists as a division of the corporation. Organized in 1890, the stove concern occupied a location at First and Race streets in Waynesboro. It began operations in a small way. W. J. Loth was a molder by trade. He manufactured coal- and wood-burning stoves for cooking and heating. A conscientious worker, he was not a spectacular promoter of his wares, and his success was not great until his son Percy (q.v.) joined him in business. F. P. Loth was a born salesman. He had a magnetic personality, well adapted to bringing about the prosperity of an enterprise through successful human relationships. The business prospered from the time he entered partnership. The Loths continued until 1922, manufacturing the same products, coal and wood heating and cooking appliances.

At this juncture, Fred Cuffe of the Canadian General Electric Company entered the picture. He designed and developed electric ranges, and when he joined the Loths, their plant turned much of its productive capacity to this type of cooking unit. They so continued until 1929, when their facilities were sold to the General Electric Company. The local plant then began the production of small electric appliances, including toasters and waffle irons. Mr. Cuffe died in 1947. He will be remembered as the original designer of the Loth electric range, the production of which was taken over by the General Electric Company.

General Electric owned the business from 1929 to 1932, and in the latter year offered to sell the coal and wood stove manufacturing facilities to the employees. That is, the purchaser would have the old stove company patterns, and dies and molds needed for production, the inventory of the previous company, and the good will which had accrued to its name during the preceding years. It was in this way that the present Rife-Loth Corp. came into being. Later the land on which the production facilities were located, to the extent of more than six acres, was also purchased. The corporation had been organized among the employees for the purpose of buying the General Electric interest, and thus acquired the old W. J. Loth assets.

The other concern whose assets it acquired, and which also gave its name to the corporate combination, was the Rife Ram and Pump Works, which had been organized in 1884. This company was the outgrowth of the invention of W. A. Rife, a hydraulic ram which took his name. He engaged in its manufacture for many years, as head of the Rife Ram and Pump Works, which became one of the most important industrial concerns in Waynesboro. An account of the company written in 1924 stated that:

The distinct superiority of the Rife Hydraulic Rams has been attested in the demand that has come for them from foreign countries as well as throughout the United States. The products of the Rife manufactory at Waynesboro have been shipped to and placed in effective operation in China, Japan, Brazil, Bolivia and South American countries, and various European countries, and they were used in connection with the operations of the American Expeditionary Forces in France in the late World War. There is a full measure of consistency in the statement that "Rife's New Model Hydraulic Ram is the World's Latest and Best," and causes "water to pump water where you want it, from your spring, flowing well or brook, with no running expenses." It is much to have given the world such an invention of such great utility, and by such a production a man has justified his being.

Its inventor, W. A. Rife, was a native of Augusta County, Virginia, and was born July 22, 1848. His parents were in most modest circumstances, and the story of his youth is one of difficulty in obtaining an education and getting a start. He attended an old-time "field school" at Jennings Gap, where E. C. Vincent was his teacher, and thereafter entered upon an apprenticeship in patternmaking in the factory of Roberts, Nelson and Company in Staunton. He became a skilled workman, and in his spare hours, his interest in mechanics providing an unusual incentive, he turned his attention to experimentation on hydraulic rams. The result of his research and investigation was his production of a hydraulic ram that would lift water through pipes. He continued his experimentation long years after his invention had succeeded of production, and had earned for him recognition and prosperity. On leaving the concern with which he had served his apprenticeship, Mr. Rife took a position in the Valley Mills, which were located seven miles east of Staunton, and there carried forward his experimental work. In actually placing his new device into production, he was assisted by Captain Schoppert, who served as an officer in the Confederate States Army during the War Be-

tween the States. Captain Schoppert's daughter eventually became the wife of the young inventor. After two years, Schoppert and Rife purchased the land on which stands the plant of the Rife Ram and Pump Works Division of the Rife-Loth Corp.

In the meantime there was organized, in Roanoke, a company for the manufacture of Rife rams. It was incorporated with a capital stock of twenty-five thousand dollars, and D. H. Matson became its president. Manufacturing was instituted at Roanoke, but the general financial panic made the venture somewhat unsuccessful. Under these conditions, the stock of the company was purchased, at approximately par, by the Power Specialty Company, which organized in New York a subsidiary corporation known as the Rife Hydraulic Engine Manufacturing Company. Offices were established at 26 Liberty Street in the metropolis. The company maintains headquarters in New York to the present time, under the same name, although its address is now 30 Church Street. This concern operates independently of the Rife Ram and Pump Works Division of Rife-Loth Corp.

It was in 1932 that the Rife-Loth Corp. was formed. At that time it employed twelve persons, and at the present time there are eighty on its payroll. A full statement of the corporate relationship of the constituent divisions, and the functions of each, would read: "Rife-Loth Corp., makers of good castings: gray iron, brass, bronze, aluminum. Rife Ram and Pump Works Division, makers of automatic water pumps since 1884; Virginia Metalcrafters Division, makers of unusual and out-of-the-ordinary gifts, including reproductions of Colonial Williamsburg; the W. J. Loth Stove Company Division—Loth stoves . . . since 1890."

The inter-relationship of the divisions to corporation and to each other is thus made clear. The entire aggregate is founded upon the use of metals, and the corporation is able to put this to more efficient and effective use through the specialized channels of production of the three divisions. During the years of World War II, there was a change in the program. At the time, the corporation concentrated on the production of rocket-launching devices to use on L.S.T. boats.

Starting in 1935, the most recent of the three divisions, under Mr. Clemmer's direction, is a business which started as a hobby, but which is now holding up its full one-third of the corporation's manufactured output. The creative germ

from which Metalcrafters has grown was the blending of the interests of Mr. Clemmer and his wife, Mary Hoge Clemmer. She is an enthusiastic connoisseur of antiques, and for some years had been endeavoring to stimulate her husband's interest in her hobby. Her efforts were unsuccessful until Mr. Clemmer suddenly realized the commercial possibilities which might result if some of the antiques in which Mrs. Clemmer was interested were to serve as the models for metalwork, thus tying in with the productive capacities of his company. The Virginia Metalcrafters Division is the result. Commercial reproductions of antiques are made, including specimens which are facsimiles of existing colonial rarities in old Williamsburg. These replicas have come to the attention of millions of prospective buyers through advertisements in such nationally circulated magazines as "House and Garden", "McCall's" and "The Saturday Evening Post", and the widespread recognition of their esthetic merits will no doubt continue to swell a sales volume which has already far exceeded the expectations of Mr. and Mrs. Clemmer, or of the Rife-Loth leadership. Not only are such items as the Williamsburg Fire Back and Williamsburg Square-base Candlesticks reproduced in their original beauty to enhance the attractiveness of thousands of American homes; but the production of Virginia Metalcrafters has also taken the course of duplicating, to scale in metal, the more minute wonders of nature. Oskar J. W. Hansen, sculptor, has produced a series of flower and tree-leaf trays, "Adapted from Nature's own foliage". Mr. Hansen is a noted sculptor, renowned particularly for his heroic forty-foot figure at the Hoover Dam. He also executed the Lindbergh and Orville Wright medals, in gold, for the National Air Association, and the George D. Pratt Medal of Achievement for Professional Gardeners, so that he is quite as much at home working in smaller media. He gathers unusual flowers and leaves as a hobby, and this interest has assisted him in duplicating the patterns of nature in the cleverly wrought metal trays produced by Virginia Metalcrafters.

Unlike other products of the Rife-Loth Corp., distribution of the durable and esthetic output of Virginia Metalcrafters is on a nation-wide scale. They are sold in high-class gifts and home-furnishing shops throughout the United States, with permanent showrooms in the larger cities. Virginia Metalcrafters Division, of course, grew up after the other two divisions which comprise the corporation; and it is a source of pride to

Mr. and Mrs. Clemmer that their joint idea has resulted in such widespread industrial and commercial activity, and in substantially building up the reputation of the greater organization. Richard H. Clemmer is president of Virginia Metalcrafters, J. H. Furr is vice-president, R. N. Miller, secretary-treasurer, and Charles Ross, assistant treasurer. Mr. Clemmer's nephew, Thomas Clemmer, Jr., is on the sales staff in the capacity of sales manager. L. P. Dillon occupies the same position on the staff of the W. J. Loth Stove Company.

Mr. Clemmer was born November 8, 1889, at Middlebrook, Virginia. He is a son of J. Frank and Mary P. (Hogshead) Clemmer. His father was a highly esteemed and substantial citizen of Augusta County, active in farming, banking and commercial enterprises. The elder Mr. Clemmer was born on Silver Brook Farm, which had been the property of the Clemmer family since 1792, on October 17, 1852, and was a son of David Clemmer, also a farmer, who became well known as the distiller of a popular brand of whiskey which bore the family name. J. Frank was one of thirteen children. He supplemented his school instruction with courses at Bryant and Stratton's School of Business at Baltimore, Maryland, after which he associated himself with his father as bookkeeper and business assistant. At the time of his marriage, he owned over a hundred and fifty acres of land, which later increased to four-teen hundred acres. He engaged in general farming, with particular attention to cattle raising. In the course of time he acquired other interests and became a director of the Staunton National Bank of Staunton. With his brother-in-law, Thomas Hogshead, he entered the drug business in that city, and for some years he was one of the trustees of Roanoke College. J. Frank Clemmer was a Master Mason, and a communicant of the Lutheran Church. He died June 19, 1920.

In 1883, J. Frank Clemmer married Mary Preston Hogshead, a daughter of Colonel Preston B. Hogshead. She was born in 1865, and was only eighteen years of age at the time of her marriage. She was educated at the Mary Baldwin School, and co-operated with her husband in property management, traces of her good taste showing in the beautification of the Silver Brook estate, which is now considered one of the show places of the Shenandoah Valley.

Richard H. Clemmer was the third of their children. He was educated at Roanoke, at Virginia Military Institute, and at Ohio State Uni-

versity, in Columbus, where he took an agricultural course. He also enjoyed the advantage of one year of study at Cambridge University in England. He enlisted in 1917 for service in World War I, and was trained at the Second Officers Training School at Fort Myers, Florida, after which he was commissioned captain of field artillery. His outfit was a part of the 82nd Division. After the cessation of hostilities, he was able to take a year's course of study at Cambridge University before returning to this country.

Mr. Clemmer joined the W. J. Loth Stove Company in September, 1919, after his discharge, and was soon its manager. He learned the business thoroughly from Percy Loth, and his business as well as his technical training was invaluable to him in his subsequent career. He was works manager at the time the General Electric Company entered into negotiations with the W. J. Loth Stove Company in 1929; and he remained with the Loth and succeeding interests in the production of stoves until the time of the development of his idea which resulted in the creation of Virginia Metalcrafters Division.

This became a division of the Rife-Loth Corp. in 1932. Mr. Clemmer has guided its destinies since, and his ideas have been indispensable in the development of this vital and more recent branch of the corporation.

Mr. Clemmer is a member, and past president, of the Waynesboro Chamber of Commerce. He is a director of the First National Bank, and a member of the Presbyterian Church. Flowers are Mr. Clemmer's hobby, which suggests a reason for the development of some lines of the Virginia Metalcrafters' products in duplication of nature's forms. "I love flowers," Mr. Clemmer once wrote, "and much of my spare time is spent working with flowers as a hobby. So what could be nicer when along came a friend and artist who had the unusual skill to take leaves, many from our own plants, and by adaptation reproduce these leaves in plastic form from which we had patterns made and cast them in our foundry." Both Mr. and Mrs. Clemmer find the Virginia Metalcrafters Division of the corporation a primary interest, and they make frequent trips together, locating the unusual, to be copied and reproduced through the processes of the plant. In addition to his executive qualifications, Mr. Clemmer is an able and dynamic salesman, and thoroughly convinced of the value and intrinsic worth of the products of his firm. He makes many selling trips himself, scouts out new territory and new possibilities, and

keeps a progressive mind always on the alert for new ideas of creative significance to the Metalcrafters.

In 1920, Richard H. Clemmer married Mary Morris Hoge, daughter of Eugene E. Hoge, who at the time of his death in Frankfort, Kentucky, was president of the State National Bank of that city. Mrs. Clemmer is a graduate of Stuart Hall in Staunton. They became the parents of two children: 1. Mary Frances, born in 1921, married J. Fred Cook. She attended Warrenton School and the School of Professional Art in New York. Mr. and Mrs. Cook have two children, J. Fred, Jr., and Thomas H. 2. Richard H., Jr., born in 1923, died in 1937.

EMORY ALLEN GRAYBILL—A native of the Valley who has served his country both as a member of the armed forces and as a shipyard worker in time of war, Emory Allen Graybill is today president of the Rader Funeral Home in Troutville. In a large section of the Valley he is known affectionately as "June", that being an abbreviation of "Junior," his status in the Graybill family until his father's death.

Mr. Graybill was born at Fincastle on April 8, 1910, the son of Emory Allen and Mattie (Baine) Graybill. His father was a merchant in that community. "June" Graybill was educated in Troutville's elementary and high schools, and for five years after completing his education worked for a textile firm in Roanoke, in which he rose to the position of purchasing agent. In 1942, he went to work in the United States Navy Shipyards at Newport News, but in 1943 left this essential civilian job to enlist in the Navy. Whereas he had been a timekeeper in the shipyards, he now became a storekeeper with the uniformed forces, and he served, in the United States, at San Francisco and Port Hueneme, California, and in the Pacific Theater of Operations at Okinawa. He was separated from the service in 1946. Having, for a time before 1937, been associated with the Rader Funeral Home in Troutville, he now bought an interest in the business, and since 1946 he has been active in its management and operations. He has become a well known figure in the undertaking world, and is a member of the Shenandoah Valley Funeral Directors and Embalmers Club. He is also active in the Lions Club of Troutville and in the American Legion. He worships in the Baptist Church in his community.

Mr. Graybill married Lucille Painter, the daugh-

ter of Bland A. and Martha (Seaman) Painter, at Reidsville, North Carolina, on July 5, 1941. They are the parents of a son and two daughters—Richard Allen Graybill, who was born on December 21, 1942; Martha Curtis Graybill, born on May 20, 1947; and Ann Carol Graybill, born on July 18, 1949.

JOHN EDGAR WILLIAMS—The name of Williams has been identified with the distribution of quality appliances and products in Broadway, Virginia, since 1911. John Edgar Williams is at present a partner in this venture, which is an agency for Hotpoint and Goodyear, and maintains a shop and service station. Mr. Williams is also profitably engaged in realty, trucking, and agricultural interests.

A native of Broadway, he was born October 30, 1906, son of Sidney McNeil and Lucy (Moore) Williams. His father, a merchant in Broadway, Virginia, died in 1913. Broadway public schools afforded John Edgar Williams his elementary and secondary education, and he graduated from high school there in 1924. He immediately became associated with his brother, who was carrying on the Williams retailing interests which had been identified with the family since 1911. They are now distributors for Hotpoint and Goodyear products. While continuing in partnership with his brother, S. M. Williams, John Edgar Williams has been active manager of the business since 1931.

As an avocation Mr. Williams raises poultry. He also has extensive real estate holdings in Broadway. In connection with his primary commercial enterprise, he has been the recipient of several awards for outstanding sales in the Baltimore district. Another venture in which Mr. Williams has proven successful has been the operation of a trucking line in the Shenandoah Valley.

He is a member of the Ruritan Club of Broadway and Timberville, and attends the Presbyterian Church. He is a member of the post of the American Legion, and is chef de garre of the Forty and Eight—these service-connected affiliations being in consequence of his World War II service. During that conflict he was assigned to Company M, 322nd Unit, Fort Custer Division, and served in the United States.

In Front Royal, August 12, 1930, John Edgar Williams married Frances Eleanor Brock of Lacey Springs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Derrick Archibald Brock. Mr. and Mrs. Williams are the parents of a daughter, Eleanor Irene, who was born October 13, 1933.

GEORGE HANGER—Engaged in the insurance field throughout his career, George Hanger of Roanoke is associated with, and is part owner of, Louis E. English, Inc., managers of the Boston Insurance Company. Mr. Hanger covers the western part of the state for this agency, and has his office in the Boxley Building in Roanoke.

Mr. Hanger is a native of Portsmouth, Virginia, born May 16, 1907. His parents were Shuey Theodore and Leah (De Lancey) Hanger. S. T. Hanger was a descendant of Peter Hanger, who came up the Valley of Virginia in the early part of the eighteenth century and settled near Staunton. The old Hanger Mansion stood for years in what is now Gypsy Hill Park in Staunton. He was a druggist in Portsmouth, and was a Democrat in his politics. He was born in Churchville, Virginia, November 21, 1872, and died August 12, 1941, at Portsmouth. His wife, the former Leah De Lancey, was a native of Annapolis County, Nova Scotia, and was descended from the De Lancey, Van Cortlandt and Colden families of Colonial New York prominence. She died in October, 1934.

George Hanger received his education in the schools of Portsmouth, and graduated from high school there in the class of 1924. Thereafter he entered Virginia Military Institute, graduating in the class of 1928. In July of that year, Mr. Hanger made his start in the insurance business, becoming associated with the Public Fire Insurance Company of Newark. He remained with that company until 1932, after which he was with the Great American Insurance Company of New York until January 1, 1948.

Mr. Hanger then purchased an interest in the firm of Louis E. English, Inc., of Richmond. The agency manages the Boston Insurance Company in Virginia and North Carolina. Mr. Hanger is also a vice-president and a director of the company.

During World War II, he commenced serving his country as first lieutenant in the 74th Anti-aircraft Coast Artillery Regiment, and at the time of his discharge in May, 1946, he held the rank of major.

Mr. Hanger is a member and a director of the Shenandoah Club, and a member of the Roanoke Country Club. He is president of the Roanoke Chapter of the Virginia Military Institute Alumni Association. In his religious faith, Mr. Hanger is an Episcopalian.

At Newark, New Jersey, October 2, 1937, George Hanger married Minerva Brady, a native of

New York City and daughter of John and Minerva (Winter) Brady. The Hangers have a daughter, Leah DeLancey, born in Roanoke, June 14, 1949.

CHARLES FRANCIS COCKE—Practicing law in Roanoke from 1910 through 1947, Charles Francis Cocke has risen to prominence in many of the city's affairs. He is active in banking, a leader in civic and welfare organizations, and has distinguished himself as a layman in the work of his church.

Mr. Cocke was born June 10, 1886, in Roanoke, son of Lucian Howard and Lelia Maria (Smith) Cocke. He attended the University of Virginia, from which he was graduated in 1908 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts; and from 1908 to 1910 he was a student at the University of Virginia Law School. On completion of his courses Mr. Cocke was admitted to the bar of the State of Virginia and began practice in Roanoke.

For many years Mr. Cocke was senior member of the law firm of Cocke, Hazlegrove and Shackelford, the culmination of a series of local professional connections. At the close of 1947 he resigned from that firm in order to devote his entire time to the banking profession. He is president of The First National Exchange Bank of Roanoke, an office he has held since January, 1938, and he is a director of the Peoples Federal Savings & Loan Association. These connections make him one of the foremost figures in the local banking field. In September, 1950, he was elected vice-president of the American Bankers Association; at the annual meeting in 1951 he will automatically become president of that association.

Vitally concerned in the cause of education, Mr. Cocke is president of the board of trustees of Hollins College, Hollins, Virginia, and he is a member of the Virginia State Library Board. Mr. Cocke also serves on the board of trustees of the Roanoke Hospital. An Episcopalian in his religious faith, he is chancellor of the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia and a distinguished layman of his congregation.

Mr. Cocke served during World War I, from 1917 to 1919, as second lieutenant in the Air Service, predecessor organization of the present Army Air Force.

Professionally, he is identified with the American Bar Association and the Virginia State Bar Association. His fraternities are Phi Delta Phi and Sigma Chi, and locally he is a member of the Shenandoah Club and the Roanoke Country Club.

On October 1, 1914, Charles Francis Cocke married Francis Tilghman Mingea, and they are the parents of one daughter, Lelia Smith, now Mrs. William B. Bagbey. They also have a year-old grandson, Francis Cocke Bagbey. The Cockes reside at 28 Cardinal Road, S. W., Roanoke.

JAMES NATHAN HUNTER became associated with Natural Bridge of Virginia, Inc., as a young man with ample experience in the hotel field. He has been general manager of this corporation since 1946, is its executive vice-president at the present time, and has also been president of Shenandoah Valley, Inc. He has held official position in a number of other commercial enterprises.

A native of Roanoke, Virginia, James Nathan Hunter was born November 2, 1910, son of John Washington and Florence Arena (Staples) Hunter. His father was born at Spouts Springs, Virginia on November 8, 1869, and his mother at Waverly, Virginia, March 20, 1870. As a youth, James Nathan Hunter attended public school in Roanoke, and he later entered Blackstone Military Academy in Blackstone, Virginia, graduating in 1931. He prepared himself for a career in the hotel management field by attending summer school at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, taking courses in hotel administration.

In 1933 he entered the field in the capacity of key and mail clerk at Hotel Roanoke. He worked in various departments of the hotel, and his thorough training and experience led to his promotion to the resident managership, which he held at the time of his resignation, December 31, 1945. The following day, with the advent of the year 1946, he began his responsibilities as general manager of Natural Bridge of Virginia, Inc., which post he has continued to hold to the present time. He is also executive vice-president of Natural Bridge of Virginia, Inc., at present, and a member of its board of directors. His other affiliations of a business nature are as director of Shenandoah Valley, Inc, director of the Virginia Travel Council, director of the Virginia Hotel Association, and director of the Bank of Glasgow at Glasgow, Virginia. He was formerly a director of the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce and is past president of Charter 46 of the Hotel Greeters of America. Mr. Hunter has done a variety of work important in advancing the cause of the Shenandoah Valley throughout the country.

Mr. Hunter has to his credit six years' service in the Virginia National Guards, with the Regimental Headquarters of the 116th Infantry.

He is a communicant of the Methodist Church in Lexington, Virginia.

On March 15, 1935, at Roanoke, James Nathan Hunter married Margaret Duke Starkey, daughter of Oliver Perry and Mary Agnes (Duke) Starkey, her father having been born July 2, 1872, in Franklin County, Virginia, and her mother at Salem, Virginia, on January 12, 1870. Mr. and Mrs. Hunter, who make their home at Natural Bridge where the headquarters of Mr. Hunter's corporation are located, are the parents of two children, both of whom were born in Roanoke: 1. James Staples, born October 21, 1939. 2. William Perry, born September 15, 1945.

RICHARD EVELYN BYRD—As manager of the Berryville canning plant of H. F. Byrd, Inc., Richard Evelyn Byrd has much to do with preparation of the foods which this company widely distributes, and is recognized as a leader in one of the Valley's basic food industries.

Mr. Byrd was born April 26, 1923, in Winchester, Virginia, son of Harry F. and Anne Douglas (Beverley) Byrd. His father is nationally known as a political leader and as United States Senator from Virginia.

Berryville schools provided Richard Evelyn Byrd's early formal education, and he was graduated from high school here in 1941. He then attended Washington and Lee University for a year, at the conclusion of which he became active in the firm of H. F. Byrd, Inc. He had not had an opportunity to actually engage in the business, however, before called for service to his country in World War II. Entering the army as a member of the Tenth Armored Division, he served in the European Theatre of Operations, participating in the battle of Metz and other engagements. He served continuously from his enlistment, July 1, 1942, until honorably discharged as a sergeant in November, 1945. In that year he formed his active connection with the Byrd canning plant in Berryville, where he serves today as manager. This plant cans apple sauce, apple base jellies, apple cider, apple butter, apple concentrates and sliced apples. It employs two hundred and forty people, and produces five hundred thousand cases of apple products annually. Its distribution is nationwide; its plant, thoroughly modern and equipped with every up-to-date convenience.

In politics Mr. Byrd is a Democrat, like his father. He is a director of the Berryville Chamber of Commerce, the local Exchange Club and the Episcopal Church.

Richard Evelyn Byrd married, March 29, 1947, in Washington, D. C., Helen Bradshaw, of Boston, Massachusetts, daughter of Benton and Lucy (Blaine) Bradshaw. They became the parents of a son, Richard Evelyn Byrd, Jr., born March 18, 1948, and a daughter, Lucy Bradshaw Byrd, born September 2, 1950.

GEORGE MOFFETT COCHRAN, who has practiced law in Staunton, Virginia, since 1938, is now representing his district as a member of the General Assembly of Virginia, to which he was elected in 1948. The choice was a logical one, founded upon the basis of a high quality of professional performance, and Mr. Cochran has conscientiously and ably represented the views of his constituents in this important office.

Mr. Cochran, who is a native of Staunton, was born April 20, 1912, and is a son of Peyton and Susie (Robertson) Cochran. His father is likewise an attorney at law; and during World War I served his country in the uniform of the United States Army as a lieutenant colonel in the Judge Advocate General's Department. George M. Cochran completed his secondary education in his native Staunton, graduating from high school there in 1928. He then took postgraduate studies at the Episcopal High School in Alexandria, Virginia, graduating from that institution in 1930, before entering upon his academic and professional studies at the University of Virginia. He received at that state university the degrees of Bachelor of Arts in 1934 and Bachelor of Laws in 1936.

In the latter year, Mr. Cochran became associated with a Baltimore, Maryland, law firm and practiced there until 1938 when he returned to Staunton and established his offices. He has continued successfully in practice there to the present time. Although attaining widespread recognition for the calibre of his professional service, Mr. Cochran only recently made his bid for elective office. He is a Democrat in his politics, and was selected by his party as candidate for the General Assembly in 1948 and 1950, being elected without opposition on each occasion. His ability and integrity have been no less apparent in public life than in private practice.

Mr. Cochran is also interested in banking, and is a director of the Planters Bank and Trust Company in Staunton. He is a member of the Young Men's Civic Club and the Ingleside Country Club of that city. Mr. Cochran's fraternities are Beta

Theta Pi and Phi Delta Phi. He attends the Trinity Episcopal Church in Staunton.

Mr. Cochran served during World War II in the United States Navy. As a member of the Naval Reserve, he was called up for active duty in 1942, and served in the Pacific Theater for twenty-three months, attaining the rank of lieutenant commander, U. S. N. R. His period of active duty terminated in 1946.

At Elk Garden, Virginia, May 1, 1948, George Moffett Cochran married Marion Lee Stuart, daughter of Harry Carter and Marion Lee (Cobbs) Stuart. They have one child, a son, George Moffett Cochran, Jr., born October 15, 1950.

ABNEY SAUNDERS BOXLEY—Widely known in the stone quarrying and related industries, Abney Saunders Boxley is president of the Pembroke Limestone Corporation, of Roanoke. He has numerous other affiliations with the stone industry.

Mr. Boxley was born July 15, 1904, in Huntington, West Virginia, son of William Wise and Willy (Saunders) Boxley. His father, a railroad contractor, was born July 17, 1865, in Louisa County, Virginia, and died in January, 1940. He was at one time mayor of Roanoke. His mother was born in Louisa County in April, 1876.

Roanoke public schools furnished Abney Saunders Boxley's early education through the high school grades, and he was graduated from Forest Park Academy, in 1921, and from Virginia Military Institute in 1925. In 1925 and 1926, Mr. Boxley was associated with Smith, Leach and Company, of Roanoke, a railroad contracting firm. Later he was with Boxley, Goodwin and Bray, of Roanoke, serving them at Portsmouth, Ohio, in 1926 and 1927. He then became associated with his father in the W. W. Boxley and Son Company, in Roanoke, continuing with this railroad contracting firm for an entire decade.

Through exactly the same period, from 1927 to 1937, he was with the Blue Ridge Stone Corporation, of Roanoke, of which he is vice-president at the time of writing. He is also, as indicated above, president of the Pembroke Limestone Corporation, of Roanoke, vice-president of the Trego Stone Corporation, with which he became associated in 1937; vice-president of the Pounding Mill Quarry Corporation; and since 1948, president of the Levisa Stone Corporation, of Roanoke. His brother, L. J. Boxley, of Roanoke, has been associated with him in much of his work in the stone industry, as well as in railroad contracting.

In addition to his work in the stone industry, Mr. Boxley is a member of the Virginia Road Builders Association, the Roanoke Chamber of Commerce, and other trade groups. He is a director of the Colonial-American National Bank, the Roanoke Gas Company, J. W. Hancock, Inc., and numerous stone quarrying and related industries. He is a Democrat in politics, a member of the board of visitors of Virginia Military Institute, and a member of the Roanoke Country Club, the Shenandoah Club and St. John's Episcopal Church.

Abney Saunders Boxley married, in June, 1928, in Portsmouth, Ohio, Virginia Alger, a native of Portsmouth, daughter of Frank Alger and Bess Hoornes Lewis. Mr. and Mrs. Boxley became the parents of the following children: 1. Abney Saunders, Jr., born July 6, 1931, in Portsmouth, Ohio; a graduate of Episcopal High School, in Alexandria, Virginia. 2. Frank Alger, born in April, 1933, in Roanoke, attending Episcopal High School, in Alexandria.

WILLIAM WISE BOXLEY—A leader in the industrial, educational and civic fields in Roanoke, the late William Wise Boxley made many contributions of lasting value to its development. He was early identified with the Norfolk and Western Railway; was responsible for the construction of the office building which bears his name; served Roanoke as its mayor; and sat on the boards of worthy organizations whose purposes ranged from banking to higher education. His abilities he directed unfalteringly toward worth-while ends.

Born July 17, 1865, William Wise Boxley's birthplace was the ancestral home in Louisa County. He was a son of James and Sally Ann (Lipscomb) Boxley. The early boyhood years coincided with the period of internecine strife between the states, and the Battle of Trevilian was fought not far from James Boxley's farm. An account of these years appearing in the public press at the time of Mr. Boxley's death tell of the influence of the war years, and of his initial efforts in the engineering profession:

... Armies of both sides overran the country, destroying everything. His boyhood was spent in the years of reconstruction when the Eastern Virginia landowner knew a poverty present-day depression victims have no conception of. Like many another Louisa boy, Will Boxley went out to make his own way in the world, carrying a surveyor's chain in the construction of railroads pushing their way through the mountains into West Virginia to connect the Eastern Seaboard with the Mississippi Valley, and to carry coal from the mountains to newly established industrial centers.

Despite the hardships of the times, William Boxley's education was not neglected. He attended the local schools, but learned his most valuable lessons, those identified with earning a livelihood, as an employee of J. C. Carpenter, a railroad contractor. He was engaged in various capacities in the construction field, learning rapidly and accepting increasing responsibility. He was ultimately admitted to partnership with Mr. Carpenter, and the association lasted for several years.

His first experience in railroad construction was on a line of the Southern Railway in North Carolina. During the period of his partnership with Mr. Carpenter, he carried on construction work for several railroads, including the New York Central, the Chesapeake and Ohio, the Baltimore and Ohio, and the Norfolk and Western. The post-Civil War period, when the building and rebuilding of the country was going on at a pace never reached before and seldom equalled since—this period called forth the potentialities of men like William Wise Boxley. His abilities measured up to every demand placed upon them.

Captain Boxley, as he came to be known, soon had his own construction firm, engaged in straightening and double-tracking the main railroad lines. He branched out, not only into bridge work, but into other aspects of construction, and his contracts took him throughout the East. His firm was largely responsible for the construction of a large aqueduct in New York City, and it engaged in subway construction there and in Brooklyn, which about this period became a part of New York City.

However, William Boxley had chosen the South for his home. He established residence in Roanoke in 1906; and during the ensuing years he was to retain it as his home, and to enter constructively into the conduct of its affairs. His first occupational interest after moving to Roanoke was construction work for the Norfolk and Western Railway, then as now an important industrial and economic factor in the growing city. He also carried out contracts for the Virginian Railway and the Chesapeake and Ohio. He operated quarries, and furnished these lines with the crushed stone indispensable for ballasting on their trackage. He was also an outspoken proponent of a good highway system. The types of his construction work varied. He completed, in 1922, the erection of the Boxley Office Building on South Jefferson Street, Roanoke.

Already his interest in civic affairs, and the competence and sense of responsibility which marked his every undertaking, had led to his election to the foremost office in Roanoke—that of

mayor. He was the first mayor to serve after the adoption of the city manager form of government was inaugurated in September, 1918, and he held office for four years. He was for many years an active member of the Chamber of Commerce, of which he was for some time president, and he headed other organizations of civic purpose. He took a vital interest in youth guidance and education, being a member of the board of trustees of Roanoke College, a member of the board of visitors of the Virginia Military Institute on which he served for fourteen years, and a member of the board of the Baptist Orphanage at Salem. He served as chairman of the building committee of the Virginia Military Institute during a period of particularly active construction. He was a devoted worker in the cause of the Baptist Church in his home city.

As a man of practical affairs whose judgment was universally respected, William Boxley came to have many business connections in the city and elsewhere. He was vice-president of the Colonial-American National Bank for a period of several years, and also served as an officer and board member of the Liberty Trust Bank. He became no less significant a figure in the development of coal mines and in agricultural and live stock raising than he had been in the construction field.

William Wise Boxley married Willy Saunders, of Louisa County, and they became the parents of two sons and two daughters: 1. L. J. 2. Abney S., see accompanying record. 3. Mrs. Mary Wise Parrott. 4. Mrs. Sallie Ann Cooke, of Charleston, West Virginia.

Mr. Boxley died in January, 1940, at his home at 324 Washington Avenue, Southwest, after an extended period of declining health. His passing was mourned as a great loss to the community which, perhaps as much as any single one of his contemporaries, he had helped to build and to guide to new prosperity. "His service as mayor," a local journal commented, on the occasion of his death, "is still remembered as a golden age of municipal progress." The same editorial statement was concluded with words which expressed the views of all who knew him:

A man who had the gift of making and holding friends, who enjoyed to a remarkable degree the confidence and respect of the city and state, the deep sense of loss at his passing is tempered by the remembrance of the life he lived, the accomplishments he wrought and the inspiration he has given to the generations that have come after him. It is from such pioneers that Roanoke and Virginia have received their stamp, from the inspiration of such lives that they will go forward.

MAJOR ELLIOTT GUTHRIE FISHBURNE—

Widely known as business manager of the Fishburne Military School, Major Elliott Guthrie Fishburne is one of Waynesboro's leading citizens. He is a member of one of Virginia's old families, and is a great-nephew of the founder of the school.

Major Fishburne was born April 20, 1906, in Waynesboro, Virginia, son of Pliny and Mary Scott (Colonne) Fishburne. His paternal grandfather, Elliott Guthrie Fishburne, was a farmer and later a druggist, operating his own store in the Fishburne Block of Waynesboro. He served as a commissioned officer in the Confederate army during the War Between the States. He married Ella Letitia Van Lear. Their son, Pliny Fishburne, Major Fishburne's father, born in Millboro Spring, Bath County, Virginia, in 1872, became one of Waynesboro's prominent business men, taking over his father's drug store, which he owned and managed. He is now retired from his active business endeavors. Among his other activities, he was president of the Waynesboro National Bank over a period of many years. Pliny Fishburne married Mary Scott Colonne, daughter of John Cash and Fanny Grey (Maddux) Colonne, natives respectively of New Orleans, Louisiana, and Fauquier County, Virginia. Her father was a courier in the Confederate army at the age of fourteen years.

Major Elliott Guthrie Fishburne, the only child of his parents, studied in private schools, including the Fishburne Military School. He received his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Virginia in 1927, and in 1930 was graduated from the Law School there as a Bachelor of Laws. He then became business manager of the Fishburne Military School, assuming his present duties.

In addition, Major Fishburne is active in community affairs, belonging to many organizations. He is a member of the Farmington Country Club, the Keswick Country Club, the Boiling Springs Club (Hot Springs), the Zeta Psi fraternity and the Episcopal Church.

Major Elliott Guthrie Fishburne married Daisy S. Garth, of Albemarle County, Virginia, daughter of William and Josephine (Blackwell) Garth. Her mother was born in Fauquier County, Virginia. Major and Mrs. Fishburne became the parents of two children: 1. Elliott Guthrie, III, born March 4, 1940. 2. Mary Scott, born May 2, 1941.

PAUL ALBERT HOLSTEIN—Practicing law in Lexington since 1931, Paul Albert Holstein has participated fully in the varied aspects of his community's life. He is known as an earnest and patriotic citizen, and one whose good business sense and qualities of leadership have made their favorable impress in the mid-region of the Shenandoah Valley.

Mr. Holstein is a native of Allentown, Pennsylvania, and was born October 30, 1907, son of Albert Julius and Lillian Ellen (Wertz) Holstein. His father was a contractor in Allentown, prominent in Masonry, and a devoted worker in the cause of the Boy Scouts of America. In his native city, Paul Albert Holstein received his early education, and he graduated from the Allentown High School in 1925. He then entered Greenbrier Military School in Lewisburg, West Virginia, as a member of the class of 1926. His degree in law was granted by the Washington and Lee University Law School in 1932.

For a number of years Mr. Holstein retained connection with Washington and Lee University as a member of its coaching staff, and he was head coach of football for the university in 1942.

Admitted to the Virginia State Bar in 1931, Mr. Holstein started practice in Lexington, and his continuity of practice has been interrupted only by his period of service in the United States Navy during World War II. He served for thirty-six months, and held a commission as lieutenant, senior grade, in the United States Naval Reserve. On returning from the war, Mr. Holstein resumed his full program of civic activities. For over a decade he has been active in the Boy Scouts organization in Lexington and Rockbridge County. He has been an executive committeeman of the Stonewall Jackson Area Council for five years. This council comprises thirteen counties, of which Rockbridge is one. At its annual meeting in Waynesboro in January, 1946, Mr. Holstein was elected chairman of advancement for the Stonewall Jackson Area Council. He has been scoutmaster of Lexington Troop 1 for many years, and was president of the Rockbridge Court of Honor for four years. In recognition of his excellent record in scouting, Mr. Holstein was recently elected vice-president of the Stonewall Jackson Area Council. He received the Silver Beaver Award in January, 1949.

Mr. Holstein has also interested himself in other civic and welfare programs. He is past president of the Lexington-Buena Vista Chapter of the American Cancer Society (1949); past vice-presi-

dent of the Rockbridge Chapter of the American Red Cross; and is local chairman of the Children's Home Society of Virginia.

One of Mr. Holstein's chief channels of expression for his patriotic and community-welfare attitudes is the Kiwanis. He has been national councillor, was president of the local Kiwanis in 1936, and lieutenant-governor, 1949, of the Fifth Division, Capital District. Local Kiwanis groups have often heard his viewpoints on the menace of alien ideologies, and he is a militant foe of communism, who has used his position and prestige to attract attention of his fellow citizens to its dangers. Speaking in March, 1949, at a luncheon meeting of the Staunton Kiwanis, Mr. Holstein delivered an address which may well have marked the starting point of a program of awareness, and a drive against the threat of these doctrines. He stated at that time:

Atheistic Communism is here. It's in America . . . in Washington . . . in Virginia . . . and in your community. Your way of life . . . your government . . . your church . . . your schools are menaced. . . . We need an army of patriotic volunteers, men and women dedicated to God and Country.

Its secret appeal [is] the lust for power. Some people have a natural urge to dominate others in all things. Communism invites them to try.

The money, hard work, conspiracy and violence that go into Communism add up to a powerful force moving in a straight line toward control of the world. . . . Communism can be stopped by drawing every Communist out of the place where he can capture power.

This had not been Mr. Holstein's first attack on this subversive force. He has spearheaded a notable movement against its growth in the Shenandoah Valley, and thereby enhanced his reputation as a man continually at work for the good of his community and his country.

Mr. Holstein is also a leader in business affairs. For fourteen years he has been a director of the First National Bank of Lexington, and he also serves as the bank's general counsel. He was president of the Lexington-Rockbridge Chamber of Commerce in 1939. Professionally, Mr. Holstein is identified with the Virginia State Bar Association and the American Bar Association, and he represents the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit on the council of the Virginia State Bar. His fraternities are Phi Alpha Delta (legal) and Omicron Delta Kappa, and he is a member of the Knights of Pythias and the Royal Arcanum. His church is the Trinity Methodist, which he serves as a member of the board of trustees.

At Buena Vista, June 14, 1928, Paul Albert Holstein married Anne Elizabeth Widdifield, daughter of John Walton and Mary L. (Reed) Widdifield. Both of Mrs. Holstein's parents are now deceased. She and Mr. Holstein are the parents of a daughter, Mary Louise, who was born September 17, 1937. Mr. Holstein's offices are in the First National Bank Building, and the family make their home in Lexington.

MILES CONRAD FUNK—The story of Miles Conrad Funk illustrates well what is believed to be one of the best traditions of the American way of life. Beginning a connection with the utilities industry as a youth, doing hard manual labor, he nevertheless liked the field in which he was engaged and went on to learn first hand the practical side of the electrical business, and rose to managerial capacities and executive posts by plain hard work, constant study and unconquerable persistence along the path he had chosen. Incident to his progress has been the blazing of roads along which others have climbed, and a constant endeavor on his part to help those struggling to get ahead. As vice-president and general manager of the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company, the Appalachian Electric Power Company, of Roanoke, and the Kingsport Utilities Company, of Kingsport, Tennessee, he is widely and well-known among utilities in the South, a member of technical organizations, and a welcome addition to their circles.

Born at Summerfield, Virginia, on March 10, 1887, Miles Conrad Funk is the son of Stephen K. and Mollie (Cornett) Funk. Reared on his father's farm and attending local schools, he early left home to engage in something that appealed more to his mechanical inclinations. He found, unexpectedly no doubt, the kind of thing that he would like to do, when he started in a boiler room of a power station, firing the boilers. He got out in the open by working on transmission lines and substations in Virginia, Kentucky, and West Virginia. From 1911 to 1915 he was general superintendent of the Tug River Power Company, at Williamson, West Virginia. In 1921 he was named manager of the Kentucky and West Virginia Company at Williamson (the same concern), and continued in this capacity until 1928. In that year a reorganization was achieved, with Mr. Funk as general manager of the new group operating under the same title, with headquarters at Ashland, Kentucky. Since 1943 the headquarters have

been in Roanoke, and Mr. Funk is the very capable vice-president and general manager of the Appalachian Electric Power Company, the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company, the Kingsport Utilities Company, and a director of the American Gas and Electric Service Corporation, the Radford Limestone Company, Inc., the Central Appalachian Coal Company, the Central Operating Company, and the Central Coal Company.

Miles C. Funk is a director and vice-president of the Southeastern Electric Exchange, and for fourteen years was a member of the board of directors of the Ashland National Bank, of Ashland, Kentucky. His many close contacts with professional organizations include former president and now vice-president of the Virginia Utilities Association. Along business lines he figures actively as chairman of the Roanoke Chamber of Commerce State Affairs Committee; and was director of the Chamber of Commerce, 1947-48. He is a director of the Shenandoah Club, and a member of the Roanoke Country Club. He attends the South Methodist Episcopal Church, of the city.

At Williamson, West Virginia, on December 25, 1913, Miles Conrad Funk married Dora Clark Long, daughter of Robert Long. Mr. and Mrs. Funk are the parents of the following children: 1. Evelyn Marrial. 2. Helen Marie, who married C. E. Flannery. 3. Della Mae, who married Lawrence Dugan. 4. Robert S. 5. Betty Joe. There are three grandchildren: Miles Conrad Flannery, Jean Marie Flannery, and Della Marie Dugan.

LUCIAN HOWARD COCKE, JR., who is general attorney at Roanoke for the Norfolk and Western Railway Company, has been identified with that railway throughout his career. He has served his country with distinction in time of war, and exerts leadership in a number of civic, professional and fraternal organizations.

Mr. Cocke is a son of Lucian Howard and Lelia Maria (Smith) Cocke, and his father was likewise an attorney at law. Mr. Cocke was born in Roanoke on May 24, 1889. On completing his secondary education, he entered the University of Virginia, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1910, and that of Master of Arts the following year. In 1913, Mr. Cocke received the degree of Bachelor of Laws. He was admitted to the bar of the State of Virginia in that year, and to the bar of the State of New York in 1914.

Mr. Cocke's first professional practice was as law clerk with the firm of Harrison, Elliott and

Byrd, in New York City, where he remained during 1913-1914. The metropolitan practice afforded him a valuable background of experience; and in 1914 he went to Philadelphia, where he first associated himself with the Norfolk and Western Railway Company in the capacity of law clerk. Mr. Cocke left the Philadelphia office of the railroad the next year to become assistant to his father, Lucian H. Cocke, the general attorney at Roanoke. He was promoted to assistant general attorney in 1917, and served in that capacity until 1928, when he was made general attorney. For over twenty years he has continued to serve loyally and with exceptional ability in this latter office.

During World War I, Mr. Cocke entered the Coast Artillery of the Virginia National Guard. He served as a private and corporal in the 1st Company of the Artillery; and was later commissioned first lieutenant in the Coast Artillery Reserve Corps. He then entered the United States Army (1917), and served overseas with the American Expeditionary Force, being detached to serve with the French Escadrilles. In recognition of valiant service, he was awarded the Croix de Guerre with palm and gold star.

Professionally, Mr. Cocke is identified with the Roanoke Bar Association, the Virginia State Bar Association and the American Bar Association. He belongs also to Sigma Chi and Phi Delta Phi fraternities. He is also a member of the Rotary Club and the Shenandoah Club, both of Roanoke, and the Roanoke Country Club. Mr. and Mrs. Cocke attend the Presbyterian Church. In his political views, Mr. Cocke is a Democrat.

At Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on June 9, 1923, Lucian Howard Cocke, Jr., married Dorothy Latshaw, daughter of John W. Latshaw, and they are the parents of three children: 1. Lucian Howard, III, born May 2, 1924. 2. Mary Stuart, born June 9, 1926. 3. Richard, born June 7, 1930. Mr. Cocke's address is 2919 Wycliffe Avenue, Southwest, Roanoke.

JAMES ALVIN PAYNE—The services that the Chamber of Commerce renders the public, in general and in particular, are seldom overrated. Upon its secretary rests the heavy responsibilities in connection with the organization's purposes and activities, and fortunate is the city that has in this office a man of the ideas and experience of James Alvin Payne. He knows business because he has engaged in it; he is familiar with publicity for

he is a former newspaperman; and he is a successful secretary of the Chamber of Commerce because this has been the outstanding interest in his career, one to which he devotes his best energies.

Born at Covington, Virginia, on November 23, 1905, James Alvin Payne is the son of Lewis and Lela (Schuder) Payne, his father being the president of the Eastern Public Service Corporation, of Salisbury, Maryland. After being graduated from the Covington High School with the class of 1924, he was a student at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute until 1926, and then attended the Medical College of Virginia for two scholastic years. His further education includes courses in the University of Richmond, and more recently (1946-1948 and 1949) he attended the Southeastern Institute for Commercial Organization Executives, University of North Carolina. All of which indicates by education and continued studies, he is amply prepared to carry on his current work.

While an undergraduate, Mr. Payne, in August, 1928, became a special representative from Hopewell, Virginia, of the "Richmond Times-Dispatch," and so continued to the same month in 1931. Then from 1931 to 1934 he was the Hopewell representative of the "Richmond News Leader," and from 1932 to 1934 was secretary of the Hopewell Chamber of Commerce. From July, 1934, to February, 1935, he was the Fredericksburg, Virginia, representative of the "New Leader," resigning to accept the post of secretary of the city's Chamber of Commerce which he held for a year before going to Staunton to assume similar duties, remaining until January, 1940. For some months in 1940 he was a special representative of the Fruehauf Trailer Company, but in September of that year resumed his vocation as secretary of the Wilson, North Carolina, Chamber of Commerce.

Since June, 1944, James Alvin Payne has been the secretary of the Chamber of Commerce of Front Royal and Warren County, having been engaged during World War II in construction work on government projects at Goldsboro, North Carolina, Camp Perry, Virginia, and Oak Ridge, Tennessee. All that has come into his varied and colorful life has been "grist to a mill" that has turned out an exceptionally well equipped official of an organization whose chief object is to promote the prosperity of a community and the welfare of its people. His endeavors and achievements are acclaimed, and in the many circles of the community he figures prominently and popularly. Mr. Payne is a member and the first presi-

dent of the Virginia Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives, and during the last conference year of the Virginia Commercial Organization Executives, was chairman. He is a member of the board of managers of the Southeastern Institute of Commerce, and serves as secretary of Shenandoah Valley, Inc. In Front Royal he is a member and a former president of the Kiwanis Club, and served as lieutenant-governor of the Ninth Division Capital District in 1949. In 1950 he is serving as chairman of the District Committee on Public Relations. He attends the Presbyterian Church.

On February 8, 1927, at Oxford, North Carolina, James Alvin Payne married Ann Elizabeth Staples, daughter of the late Thomas M. and Olivia (Carden) Staples. Mr. and Mrs. Payne are the parents of two children: 1. James Alvin, Jr., born June 1, 1930, a graduate of Warren County High School, class of 1947, now a junior at the University of Richmond. 2. Ann Lewis, born December 30, 1931; a graduate of Warren County High School.

HERBERT BAILEY GREGORY — A notable figure in Shenandoah Valley is Herbert Bailey Gregory, member of an old Southern family. He is and has been a Justice of the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia for more than twenty years.

Born in Virginia, Justice Gregory is the son of the late Rev. Werter Hancock Gregory and Sally James (Payne) Gregory. His father, a Methodist minister for a half century in Eastern Virginia, was a Confederate veteran. He went into the Confederate Army when he was sixteen years old and remained for nearly three years. In action at the battle of Five Forks in Dinwiddie County, Virginia, a few days before the surrender, he was captured by the Northern forces and held prisoner until the war's end. The Rev. Mr. Gregory had seven sons, among them Justice Herbert Bailey Gregory, now so prominent in the Valley.

Justice Gregory married Margaret Petronella Kossen, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. Spaans Kossen. They worship in the Methodist Episcopal Church. Justice Gregory's residence address is 530 Cassell Lane, S.W., Roanoke.

SAMUEL RILEY HURST was born in Fayette County, Kentucky, near Lexington, April 1, 1890, son of William Nelson and Delilah DeMoss (Pierson) Hurst. His father was born in Claiborne

County, Tennessee, near Tazewell, June 11, 1846, and his mother at Jonesville, Virginia, July 26, 1845. The ancestral records are contained in the volume, "Hursts of Shenandoah," compiled in a private edition by J. C. Hurst, of Lexington, Kentucky.

Mr. Hurst completed his formal study at Caldwell High School, Richmond, Kentucky, and for three years, from 1908 to 1911, was in the United States Postal Service, a member of the Board of Civil Service Examiners, at Cincinnati, Ohio. From 1911 to 1925 he was a wholesale grocer and distributor of imported goods, branches of his organization operating in Richmond, Winchester, and Lexington, Kentucky. In 1925 he entered the horticultural field that has occupied him to this time, and in 1930 added floriculture to his interests on an extensive scale. Until 1946 he was an orchardist and packer of apples for the domestic and export trade, and from 1930 to 1946 did a large amount of work in landscape architecture. The Hurst Rainbowridge Gardens, one mile out of Winchester, Northwestern Grade, are his home and the center of his business activities. Mr. Hurst is a director of Virginia Apple Storage, Winchester. In politics he is a Republican.

Samuel R. Hurst married, at "Forest Glen," near Berryville, Clarke County, Virginia, July 15, 1926, Juanita June Fishpaw, born in Frederick County, Virginia, October 1, 1898, daughter of John Michael and Juanita May (Rinker) Fishpaw. Her father was born in Clarke County, Virginia, November 9, 1870, and her mother in Berkeley County, West Virginia, November 6, 1868.

Mr. and Mrs. Hurst are the parents of two daughters, both born in Winchester: 1. Elizabeth June, born November 5, 1929, a graduate of Duke University, 1951. 2. Nancy May, born December 14, 1931, attending Duke University. Both daughters are musically gifted and have majored in music at Duke. All of the family are active in the work of the Braddock Street Methodist Church, Winchester, where Mr. Hurst is a member of the Official Board.

JAMES M. THOMSON—Born February 13, 1878, at Summit Point, Jefferson County, West Virginia, James McIlhany Thomson is a native who has returned to the Valley after more than forty years of newspaper endeavor as reporter, editor, publisher and owner. He now devotes himself to farming at "Balclutha," in Gaylord, Clarke County, Virginia, and to the occasional

practice of pamphleteer, for he is an ardent advocate of real and sound Democracy.

The son of Dr. Augustus Pembroke Thomson of Summit Point and Elizabeth (McIlhany) Thomson of Hillsboro, Loudoun County, he was prepared for college at Captain McDonald's Shenandoah Valley Academy in Berryville and was graduated from the Johns Hopkins University with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in the class of 1897. He worked as a reporter-writer in Washington, D. C., until 1900, when he became the owner and editor of the "Norfolk Dispatch" of Norfolk, Virginia. In 1907 he purchased the "New Orleans Item," of which he was the publisher until 1941, when he disposed of it to live upon and operate the farm he currently maintains at Gaylord.

Mr. Thomson was a director from Norfolk of the Jamestown Exposition held in 1907. He is a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity, of the Masons and of the Elks, and of the Metropolitan Club of Washington, D. C. He is a communicant of the Protestant Episcopal Church. By inheritance and by conviction he is a Democrat. He has been a delegate to various national political conventions and he is the writer of political pamphlets. He was unable to support, for reasons of conscience, and he voted independently against the Roosevelt third and fourth terms. In 1948 he supported J. Strom Thurmond. His political belief is a deep and earnest one, and he is singularly able and articulate in expounding the cause of true Democracy. He holds that there is no greater danger to the nation than lies in the splinter politics that now dominates the American scene.

James M. Thomson married, June 30, 1915, at Bowling Green, Pike County, Missouri, Genevieve Clark, only daughter of the late Honorable Champ Clark, famed Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Genevieve (Bennett) Clark. Their only child, Champ Clark Thomson, was born February 13, 1917, and died at the age of two and one-half years.

WILLIAM COUPER—A native of the city of Norfolk, Virginia, Colonel Couper was born November 16, 1884, son of John D. Couper, Jr., and Fannie Bernard Capps, his wife. After cadetship at Virginia Military Institute, of which he is now executive officer, he entered the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, from which he graduated, in 1906, with a degree in civil engineering. From that

year until the time of the World War I, he was engaged as an engineer by the Pennsylvania Railroad, in tunnelling projects in New York and under the rivers, in operation of the harbor fleet, and other assignments. He was able to bring his professional abilities to the service of his country when, on June 6, 1917, he was commissioned a major in the United States Army. Soon afterwards he was promoted to lieutenant colonel, and served for a total of one thousand and one days in the construction division of the Army. He received his honorable discharge on March 2, 1920.

From 1920 to 1922, Colonel Couper was assistant general manager of the Associated General Contractors of America of which his war-time division commander, General R. C. Marshall, was manager; in 1923, he accepted the position of engineer in charge of development of sulphur properties in Texas, for the Texas Company, after which, he was manager of the American Construction Council, whose president at that time was the Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Since 1925, he has been executive officer of the Virginia Military Institute, and is also that school's official historiographer. In addition to his extensive contributions to periodical literature, he is the author of the following books: "History of the New York Tunnel and Terminal Extension of the Pennsylvania Railroad," "V. M. I. New Market Cadets," "Claudius Crozet, Soldier-Scholar-Educator-Engineer," and "One Hundred Years at V. M. I." (four volumes).

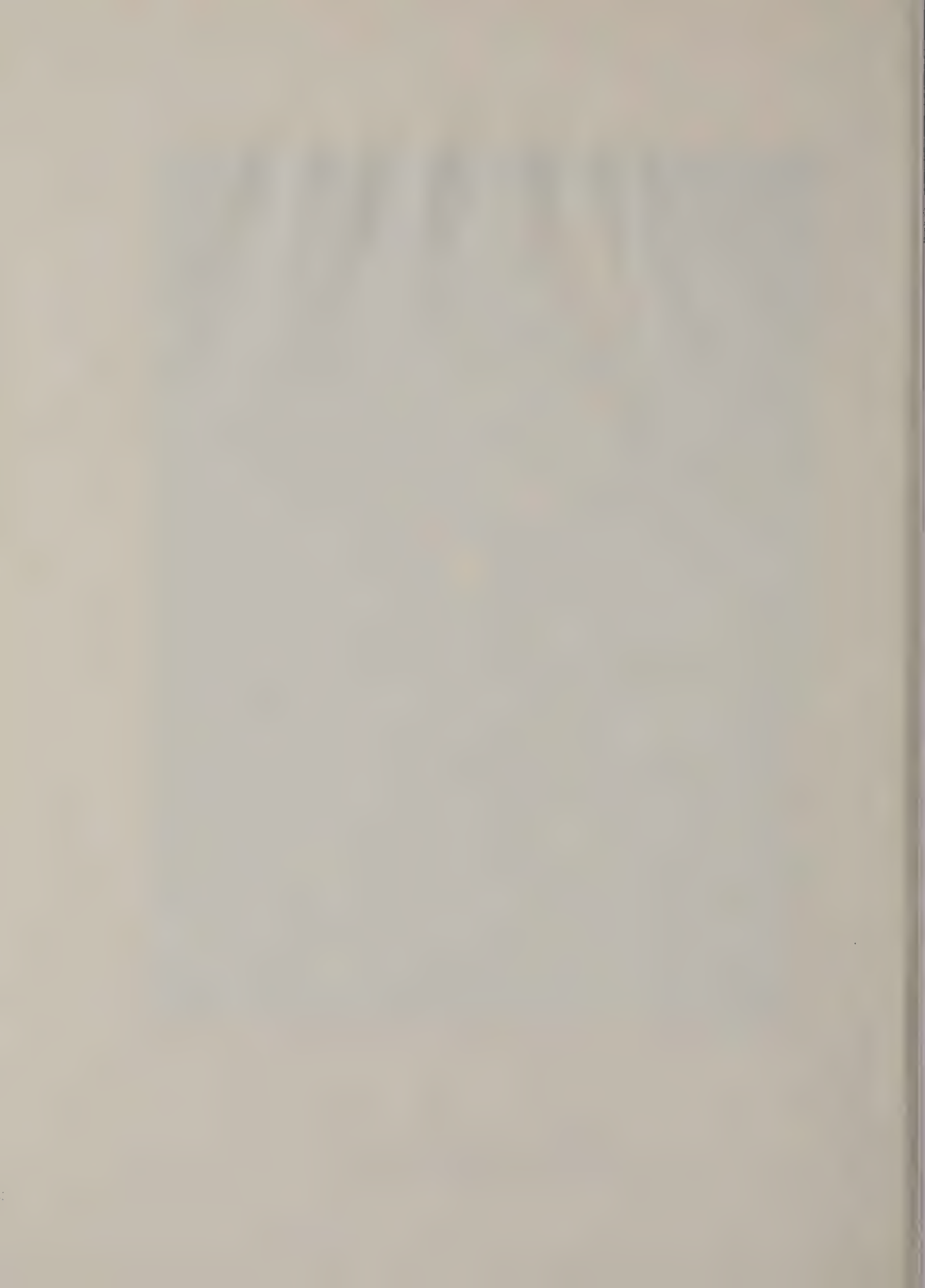
Colonel Couper served his country again in World War II, in July and August, 1940, as consulting engineer to help in organizing the work for the new construction program. During July and August of the next year, he was again called to the War Department as consulting engineer on the construction of shell and bag loading plants.

A licensed civil engineer, Colonel Couper has had much to do with building and rebuilding his alma mater. Retaining his interest in intercollegiate athletics, he served as secretary-treasurer (1934-1945), vice-president (1946), and president (1947-1948) of the Southern Conference. He was a member of an advisory committee of twelve to the Committee on Education of the House of Representatives (1944-45); and is a past-president of the Association of Military Colleges and Schools of the United States.

Colonel Couper, on October 9, 1912, married, in Purcellville, Loudoun County, Eloise Hirst, who attended Marv Baldwin and Sweet Briar colleges. She is the daughter of John Townshend Hirst



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and Virginia Bitzer, his wife. They have a son and a daughter: 1. Dr. John Lee Couper, a graduate of Virginia Military Institute and the University of Virginia Medical School; he was three years overseas with the Second Evacuation Hospital serving the British Royal Air Force, the United States Eighth Air Force, and was in the five campaigns in which the First Army participated. On December 19, 1945, he married Margery Beemer

of Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania. They live in New York, where Dr. Couper is on the staff of St. Luke's Hospital, and have two children. 2. Virginia Hirst Couper was graduated from Hollins College in 1941, and is now connected with the Associated Merchandising Corporation in New York City.

Colonel Couper makes his home at 408 V. M. I. Parade, Lexington, Virginia.

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